

ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF HORSE

Man Captured at Finleyville For Stealing Valuable Horse

Hired From Livery

Belonged to I. B. Richardson at Bentleyville.—Taken April 23

A young fellow who gave his name as W. R. Rider was arrested at Finleyville yesterday by Detective W. H. Riggle, for stealing a horse belonging to I. B. Richardson, of Bentleyville. Rider seemed to be about eighteen years of age, six feet tall and of slender build. He was identified by Mr. Richardson, who went to Finleyville with the detective, but for positive identification was taken to Pittsburgh to the man to whom the horse had been sold.

The theft occurred on the morning of April 23. Mr. Richardson has a livery in Bentleyville, and on the above date, Rider appeared and hired a horse, saying he wished to ride to Zolleville. A good animal was provided him and he left. Not returning that night the liveryman instituted a search, but with little success. Having heard yesterday that a man answering the description of the thief was living in Finleyville, Mr. Richardson came to Charleroi and secured the services of Mr. Riggle to find him.

Rider was found without much trouble and arrested. It was learned that he had sold the horse to a Mr. Prince, of South Side, Pittsburgh, for the sum of \$50. Later a sale was consummated by a partner of Prince whereby a man of Steubenville, Ohio, became the owner of the horse.

Mr. Richardson went to the latter place today to claim the animal and will likely return Wednesday or Thursday.

After the positive identification by Prince in Pittsburgh young Rider was taken to jail at Washington to await a trial. Evidence is strong against him.

VANDERGOULD PLAYING CALIFORNIA THIS WEEK

The Great Vandergould, the Charleroi handoff king is playing an engagement this week at the Lyric theatre, California, giving four performances yesterday at that place, one at a matinee and three at night. He is taking well, packed houses witnessing each performance.

A feature this week will be the escape from an immense milk can, which Vandergould recently received. The can holds some eighty gallons of water. The young man fills the large receptacle with water and then himself gets in after which the lid is closed and tightly padlocked. In two minutes he is out and neither lock or water seem to have been disturbed.

Relieve indigestion in five minutes—that's the record of Mi-o-na stomach tablets. 50 cents a box at Piper brothers.

SCOTSDALE TAKEN OVER YESTERDAY

Charleroi Takes First Game of Series With Ease

WILLIAMS IS WILD

For five innings yesterday it looked like the boys that represent Charleroi were going to get their bumps from the lads across the county near Bullskin township. They drew nothing but cyphers until their turn in the sixth. They got even however in this round and tried to bust up the procession by chasing four big runs over. Scottdale blew up at the opening, the explosion taking place on the heaving mound. Three passes were given which filled all corners. Two singles sent three of the occupants over and a mighty heave of the horsehide was responsible for the fourth.

Osborne was working for Charleroi and pitched a steady and consistent game. Although touched up for a good many hits the efforts of the Scottdale boys were wasted as Arch kept the safe ones scattered. Score:

CHARLEROI	R	H	P	A	E
Elliott,	1	0	2	0	0
Willig,	0	1	0	4	0
Cosgrove,	1	1	3	0	0
Dailley,	1	3	1	0	0
Nally,	0	2	0	0	0
Jenkins,	0	1	2	0	0
Heintz,	1	14	0	0	0
Urban,	0	1	2	0	0
Osborne,	1	1	2	4	0
Totals	5	6	27	14	0

SCOTSDALE	R	H	P	A	E
White,	0	1	5	5	0
Ferguson,	1	1	2	4	1
Flores,	0	2	3	0	0
Schmidt,	1	12	1	0	0
Hartman,	0	0	0	0	0
Martin,	0	2	2	0	0
Smith,	0	0	2	0	0
Osborne,	0	0	3	1	0
Williams,	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	2	8	27	17	2

Scottdale.....0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0—2
Charleroi.....0 0 0 0 4 1 0 0—5

Two-base hits—White, Ferguson, Martin. Sacrifice hits—Schmidt, Urban. Double plays—Ferguson and Schmidt, Osborne and Heintz. First base on balls—Off Williams 4, off Osborne 1. Struck out—By Williams 1, by Osborne 2. First base on errors—Charleroi 1. Left on bases—Scottdale 6, Charleroi 4. Time—1:35. Umpire—Gibbs.

Back in first again. Houser is out of the game for three days as a result of his run in with Morrison. President Gromminger issued the orders.

Heintz took the initial corner with Jenkins in the outer garden yesterday.

Willig took Houser's place at third. Errorless ball looks pretty good on paper, and much better on the field. Clarksburg has released catcher Steele of Homestead.

Hitley for Uniontown had a bad day yesterday. Three errors were marked up against him.

Lower had something on Uniontown causing eleven of them to fan the gentle breeze.

Six hundred points between Connellsville and Charleroi.

Everybody is ready to lend a helping hand Thursday when we play Scottdale on our own ball lot.

Woe to the ambitions of Charleroi if we play in the same form as the Connellsville Courier.—Now what do you think of that from Mud Island.

WILL HAVE GOOD TEAM FOR MEET

Charleroi High School Has A Number of Trackmen

MEET ON SATURDAY

Cook's Track at Belle Vernon Will be Scene of Contest

The aspirants for the High school track teams from Charleroi and Monessen were at Cook's track near Belle Vernon where the Valley field meet is to be held, yesterday afternoon for a thorough tryout, and to decide who will represent the schools. Roy Carson is captain of the local team.

The entrants from Charleroi will be as follows:

100 yard dash—Wagner, Carothers, C. Roberts.

Shot Put—Carson, Roberts, Wagner.

200 yard dash—Wagner, Carson, R. James.

High Jump—Primas, B. Roberts, Carothers.

Relay race, 1-2 mile, Carothers, Primas, Carson, Wagner.

Running Broad Jump—Primas, B. Roberts, McCann.

50 yard dash—B. Roberts, McDermott, McCann.

220 yard dash—Carothers, Carson, Primas.

Pole vault—Myers, B. Roberts, Speers.

3-legged race—McClain and McDermott, (another team to be chosen.)

Girl's egg race—Misses Elliott, H. Patton, B. Rice, L. Patton.

As will be seen the Charleroi team will be as good if not better than the one of last year which took the championship. Much this year will depend on Capt. Carson, Wagner and the Robert's brothers.

There will be five judges from the following schools: W. and J., Westminster, W. U. P., California Normal and Yale. The contests will start at 2 o'clock sharp. Arrangements are being made to transport those who wish to attend from Charleroi and other places.

The local boys are in fine trim and are doing work to keep them in such. Cross county runs are being taken every morning.

Back For Visit

Rev. Percy L. Donaghy, formerly rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church here, now in charge of a large parish at Milltown, Del., is in Charleroi today calling on friends and acquaintances. He will attend a convention at Pittsburgh tomorrow of the Episcopal diocese.

Charleroi residents should use Hyoniet at this season and cure troubles which are so prevalent. Sold by Piper brothers under guarantee. 2362-2-at-f

Notice to C. T. A. U. Members.

There will be no meeting tomorrow evening. Next meeting May 27. By order of the President.

FAMILY QUARREL RESULTS IN DEATH

Washington, Pa., May 11.—In a family quarrel in East Waynesburg this evening, Tony Short, a lineman employed by the South Penn Telephone and Telegraph Company, was shot and instantly killed. His brother-in-law, William McClelland, who is charged with the shooting, gave himself up, the Sheriff taking him to jail.

Short, a few months ago, married Miss Anna McClelland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McClelland, and the young couple live with the McClelland family in East Waynesburg. McClelland refuses to make any statement except that the shooting was an accident.

SHOOTING AFFAIR AT MONESSEN

Ten Cent Bet In Crap Game Brings Up Argument.

ONE MAN BECOMES ANGRY

And Draws Gun—Shoots Six Times, But One Taking Effect.

Wrangling over a ten cent bet in a "crap" game, in the heat of anger, John Childers colored, pulled a gun and shot John Mack, also colored, in the left breast last night at Monessen, seriously wounding the latter. The affair occurred at the home of Rosy Goff, a negress, of Fourteenth street, at 10:30 o'clock. After committing the deed Childers fled and as yet has not been located by the police.

The two men in company with others were playing an interesting game, which had been continued from early in the evening. The excitement had risen to an intense pitch and each player were anxiously watching the dice as they rolled on the floor. An argument started between Childers and Mack as to the way in which a shot had resulted and in a moment the men were loudly declaiming their rights, as they thought. Suddenly Childers pulled his weapon and fired six shots, only one taking effect, however, in the other man's body. The report was spread of the happening and an attempt made at once to locate the one who had did the shooting but to no result, he having disappeared as if the earth had swallowed him.

While Mack received a bad wound it will hardly prove fatal.

Card of Thanks.

To the Editor of the Mail.

Dear Sir:—Through the medium of your paper the Eagles of Charleroi desire to return thanks to Mr. R. L. Barnhart, proprietor of the Palace theatre, Mr. Arthur O'Kane and Mr. Fred Lindauer for the valuable service they rendered to our Aerie in connection with the Memorial Services of the Order.

Yours truly

J. W. Mathias,
E. R. Allen,
Patrick Acton,
Henry Wagner,
Frank Kline,
Committee.

Leg Fractured.

Anthony Pierce, a driver for the Charleroi Lumber company was injured Saturday on the hill by being run over by a wagon which contained 3000 pounds of gravel. The man's leg was badly injured, a fracture resulting.

Socialist Meeting.

Thos. Kennedy, state organizer for the Socialist Party will speak in Charleroi Wednesday night, May 13th, corner Fifth and Fallowfield avenue. 2362f

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GIRLS ARRESTED FOR LARCENY OF MONEY

Constable Noah Behanna, of Donora, made information before Squire Hamoury against Olive Bush and Emma Ferris, of South Donora, yesterday morning for keeping a bawdy house and larceny.

John Pasko and Nagy Nickosh visitors at the home claimed they had \$30 when they went there but could not find it after they came away. They stated that the call was made at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at which time the girls appeared in their night dresses and let them in. Oliver Scott, attorney, said the circumstances warranted the suspicion of a disorderly house and the girls were sent to Washington for incarceration to await trial in court.

SELLS BONDS FOR DONORA BRIDGE

County Commissioners Let Contract for Furnishing \$100,000

GOES TO NEW YORK MAN

The county commissioners yesterday sold to N. W. Harrison, of New York and Philadelphia, the \$100,000 bond issue proposed for the construction of the Donora-Webster bridge. The premium for the issue is \$1,400. The bonds bear interest at 4 1-2 per cent. There were several competing bidders for the entire issue, while one bid was offered for \$339,000 of the issue. The bonds will be accepted and payment made just as soon as they can be prepared.

The outlook for the sale of the proposed issue of \$100,000 road improvement bonds is very gloomy, said one of the commissioners yesterday afternoon.

Bids were asked for on this proposed issue also, but buyers present yesterday refused to submit figures unless some changes in the conditions be made. The charges the commissioners say, cannot consistently be made and keep within the bounds of the law. Reports of buyers of road bonds who were present yesterday were discouraging. The result is that proposed road improvements are held up indefinitely except such as are now under contract.

Points For Players.

Don't stand near the plate when a bat. You might get a bump in the pie repository.

Don't take the trouble to learn the team's signals. Fake up a few of your own and no one will get wise to them.

Don't hurry, no matter what the situation. Take your time or you may tire yourself before the game is over.

Don't stand for any advice from the manager. Let him understand that you know more about the game than 28 managers.

Don't rush when you fan the air three times and the catcher drops the ball. Mo use. He will pick it up and throw it to first, sure. Watch for this and you will find it comes true every time.

Don't slide into a base. You will soil your uniform and most likely rip a nasty hole in your trousers. Learn to skip down gracefully and steal the base in a lady like manner. Copy the girl's style. It's very pretty.

Don't forget to jump on the umpire right at the tap of the gong. Give it to him swiftly and then again. If you start something they might overlook your work and let you stay another week.

What Might Have Been.

Lord Rosebery in an address at Glasgow university some years ago gave utterance to the following interesting speculation:

"Had the elder Pitt when he became prime minister not left the house of commons he could doubtless have induced George III to listen to reason, introduced American representation into Parliament and preserved the thirteen colonies to England. The new blood of America would have burst the old vessels of the constitution and provided a self-adjusting system of representation. There would have been no war of separation, no war of 1812, and finally, when the Americans became a majority, the empire would perhaps have moved solemnly across the Atlantic and Britain become a historic shrine, the European outpost of the empire."

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USE POST CARD TO THREATEN

Foreman of Grand Jury Receives Missive Yesterday

SAYS DIRE CALAMITIES

Will Befall Men For Indicting California Gamblers

Samuel Workman, foreman of the grand jury which is now sitting at Washington yesterday received a post card with a grim announcement of dire calamities to befall the jury for the action taken in a California case Saturday. It was purported to have been from the Black Hand society, although the defendants, in the case are not foreigners. The card caused quite a scare among the jurymen.

The postal was mailed at Charleroi and had the signature of the skull and cross bones.

On Saturday a true bill was returned against three men charging them with keeping a gambling house. One of them was also charged with furnishing liquor to minors. The prosecutor in the case was Charles W. Price, also of California. The card received by Mr. Workman yesterday morning came addressed to the "foreman of the grand jury," in care of the district attorney.

The contents of the card, as the body had put it in a hole, and that dire calamities awaited each member. It even went so far as to state that the whole bunch would be burned or blown up and that the defendants would not stop short of murder to prevent going to prison.

During the later part of last week while in attendance at court, Mr. Price, the prosecutor in this case, received two or three similar messages, threatening his home with fire. The promise was made good on Saturday night, when his home at California was discovered to be on fire, but ready action soon checked the flames before any considerable damage had been done.

CHARLEROI BOY ON DEBATING TEAM

The Washington and Jefferson college debating team which left today for Granville, Ohio, to debate with the Dennison College team, has for one of its representatives a Charleroi boy, Guy Moffitt.

The "question for discussion" is: "Resolved, That all corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be required to take out federal charters, upon such terms as congress shall by law prescribe; constitutionality conceded."

The Washington and Jefferson team which will uphold the negative side of the question is composed of Moffitt, D. K. Ferre, of Pittsburgh; and George S. Bancroft, of Washington. Moffitt is a senior at W. and J. and is studying for law.

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May 12 In History.

1634—George Chapman,
poet, dramatist and
friend of Shakespeare,
died; born 1567.
1845—Professor August
William von Schlegel,
German scholar, Chas. O'Connor
and critic, died; born 1767.
1884—Charles O'Connor, noted Ameri-
can lawyer, died; born 1804.
1903—Richard Henry Stoddard, noted
American poet and critic, died;
born 1825.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 7.03, rises 4.41; moon sets
8.40 a. m.; A. D. 1806, new star in
northern crown discovered by Dr.
Schmidt of Athens.

A Proper Rebuke.

John Sharp Williams, who hails
from a State whose inhabitants are
among the most unprogressive and
narrow-minded in the country, has
been repeating some of the libels
against Philadelphia invented by de-
generate Pennsylvanians.—Altoona
Tribune.

No State in the Union has suffered
from its degenerates and their malig-
nant and malicious stories concerning
its people, its institutions and its pub-
lic servants as much as Pennsylvania.

These things have wrought incalcu-
lable damage to the prestige of the State,
her interests and her honor. Self-
complacent pharisees in other States,
when speaking of Pennsylvania almost
invariably do so with a jibe or a
jeer. The most lamentable feature of
this is, that when their sneers are re-
plied to they immediately point to the
utterances of self-styled paragons of
civic virtue and self-selected guardians
of Pennsylvania, residing within her
borders, as their authority and quote
John Wannamaker's atrocious calumny
with unctious that "the people of
Pennsylvania are a sunken people."

It is almost useless to point out that
this and similar utterances spring from
hearts embittered by balked political
ambitions; that their authors in gen-
eral compose a band of political Hes-
ians, who have sought to assuage
their grief by calumniating a people
who have hitherto resolutely refused
to take them at their own valuation
and enshrine these malignants in the
places of honor and trust.

These apostles of cant have so be-
spattered the fair fame of the State,
that the aspirations of an eminent citi-
zen of Pennsylvania to an exalted
office are looked upon elsewhere with
askance and questioning smiles.

This flood-tide of defamation must,
in the course of events, ebb before long
and leave on the damp sands of obliv-
ion this flotsam and jetsam; this
debris that blackened the soil upon
which they were born.

Not Questioned.

It is a noticeable fact that these al-
leged Republican newspapers which so
vociferously alleged that the actions of
the Republican county committee up-
on the local option plank were those
of a base set of hypocrites, do not say

anything about the position taken
by the Democrats upon the same ques-
tion.

That strengthens a widely-spread
belief that local option was not so
much the motive for slander as the
routing of the old elements from party
control. In a word, it was private
grief, not public zeal that inspired
the assaults upon the actions of the
Republican county convention.

Barred Out.

Liberty is not license and freedom of
speech or of the press does not mean
that one can counsel murder or print
incitements to anarchy unchallenged.
The right of asylum does not mean
that a murderer shall be afforded a
refuge and protected from the conse-
quences of his crime.

For far too long has our government
shown a laxity in dealing with these
fundamental principles. It is not be-
sought for one moment that when a
subject of a brutal government has
risen in rebellion, has been beaten
after a struggle and fled to this country
he should be given up. On the contrary
he should be protected at all hazards.
But when a band of miscreants come
to this country and preach and write
indiscriminate murder their stay in
this country should not last an hour
beyond the time it takes to speedily
eject them.

And any person finding their stay
under the stars and stripes irksome or
for which they would supplant with
another, not a single objection will be
raised when they "leave the country
for the country's good."

All Attend.

Every friend of the children should
turn out to-night and give hearty sup-
port to the laudable scheme of giving
the school children of Charleroi an
outing at Eldora Park.

There is no public service which
inspires greater gratitude or one that
lingers longer in pleasant memories
than that which goes to make a child
happy even if but for one day. Look
back upon your own childhood and re-
call the pleasurable emotions you felt
when some such an event relieved your
dull days and brought sunshine into
perhaps cheerless surroundings, and
then resolve to transmit that pleasure
to others. And forget not "that even
as ye did it to the least of these, so ye
did it to Me."

A Pointer.

It may be set down as a palpable
truth that the man or woman resorting
to a matrimonial agency for a husband
or wife is an undesirable at home, an
imposter or criminal.

Any decent man or woman can find
a life companion in their own neigh-
borhood and those resorting to an
agency generally come to deserved
grief.

A Sight For Snickers.

The position of the Canonsburg
Notes and Washington Observer is a
subject for snickers. Each quotes the
Delphic utterances of the other as the
wisdom of the ages and solemnly re-
iterates the sentiments expressed as the
dicta of the court of last resort.

Old comedy drama hasn't a look-
in with that farce.

Why Negroes Like Watermelons.

The humorists always associate the
African with the watermelon, assum-
ing that the taste of the colored man
for his favorite dainty arises from his
life in the southern states, where the
melon vine grows like a weed. As a
fact, however, the African taste for
the watermelon is hereditary. The
vine is a native of Africa, where it is
found wild in the great central plains
of the continent, and has also been cul-
tivated for many ages. In Egypt the
melons grown along the Nile rival
those of southeastern Missouri. The
melons mentioned by the Israelites as
being among the good things they had
in Egypt were undoubtedly watermelons,
for in the wall paintings about the
time of the exodus the melon vine is
represented, and in one case a long
procession of slaves is depicted, each
bearing on his shoulder a huge, dark
green watermelon.—Washington Her-
ald.

His Inference.

Crags—Did you tell Simpers you
thought I was a man without any bal-
ance? Butts—Well, I naturally inferred
that if you had a balance you would
draw on it for the amount you owe me.
—Philadelphia North American.

His Preference.

Nurse—Come indoors at once, Master
Richard, and be a good boy. You won't
go to heaven if you're so naughty.
Master Richard—I don't want to go to
heaven—I want to go with father!—
London Sketch.

P. & W. Va. League

Standing of the Clubs.

	W	L	Pct.
Charleroi.....	4	1	.800
Uniontown.....	3	2	.600
Fairmont.....	4	4	.500
Clarksburg.....	4	4	.500
Scottsdale.....	2	3	.400
CConnellsville.....	1	4	.200

Yesterday's Results.

Clarksburg.....3 Uniontown.....1
Charleroi.....5 Scottsdale.....2
Fairmont.....7 Connellsville.....2

Games Today

Charleroi at Scottsdale
Uniontown at Clarksburg
Connellsville at Fairmont

Among the Exchanges

School Superintendent Moore, of
Chester county, is taking the same
view that many other prominent ed-
ucators are taking in regard to our
high schools as now conducted. The
West Chester Village Record, refer-
ring to an address that he made be-
fore the convention directors after his
election on Tuesday, says that he
"hit the nail on the head when he
said that not enough attention was
given in our high schools to the plain
everyday studies. It is time to call
a halt and get down to plain common
sense teaching. There is a disposi-
tion upon the part of parents and ed-
ucators to strive for a curriculum for
the high schools that will almost give
the pupil a collegiate course of study.
The high school courses are in need
of revision. It is folly to believe
that every study must be crammed
into the high school curriculum.
Plainly written on the face of the
enrollment statistics is the warning
that unless misfit courses are dropped
the magnificent establishments adorn-
ing the high school systems of hun-
dreds of towns and cities may soon be
tenanted only by the relatively few
pupils who wish to prepare for col-
lege."

The failure to have many of our
most important laws properly enforced
is forcibly shown by the Wilkes-
Barre Record when it says: "Sev-
eral times the legislature of Pennsy-
lvania has added to the laws restrict-
ing the sale of cigarettes. They
prohibit the selling to boys under 16
years of age, and the giving of cig-
arettes or cigarette papers to boys.
They prohibit boys from smoking
them in public places. Yet little
effort is made to enforce the statutes.
The legislature of 1907 enacted a
measure, in response to a general de-
mand, providing that all owners of
dogs pay a license and have the ani-
mals tagged. Yet it is safe to say
that not one-twentieth of the owners
of dogs have made any effort to com-
ply with the law, simply because
there has been no policy of enforce-
ment. The liquor laws of the state
are clear in their prohibition of Sun-
day selling, to minors and selling
without license. Yet these statutes
are being monstrously violated. If
all of the state laws were strictly
enforced many of the notable ills
with which we suffer would be radi-
cated or greatly minimized."

READERS ARE OF MANY KINDS.

Differ in Taste as Widely as Do the
Books They Read.

Who has the habit of good reading
and the appetite for it will read what
suits his appetite if he can get it.
writes E. S. Martin in Harper's. The
trouble is that the appetite is not
often formed. If you are to make a
silk purse, you must have the silk.
You can not make a reader of good
books out of any human material that
comes along. You must catch a mind
proper for the job. Not all good minds
are adapted to much reading. You
find very able people who read few
books, and mostly trash, and people
of less ability who read more, and
much better ones. You find also inter-
esting differences in the facility with
which different people take in the
sense of printed words. Some people
from childhood read very much faster
and with less effort than others. Their
eyes seem to connect quicker with
their brains, and their perception of
words and rows of words is almost
instantaneous. Other people never en-
tirely get past the need of pro-
nouncing mentally, each word.

Table Talk.

Old Gobsa Golde looked thoughtfully
across the centerpiece of mauve or-
chids at his son.

"Well, Scattergood," he said, bend-
ing forward to light his cigar at one
of the shaded candles, "your course in
life will be far easier, I can see, than
mine was."

Young Scattergood Golde smiled
with good-humored condescension.
"How so, governor?" he patroniz-
ingly inquired.
"I," said the old man, "began at the
bottom and worked up. You have be-
gun at the top and will slide down."

A CURIOUS FARM

Requires No Fence and Never Had a
Wheeled Vehicle.

Within sight of the town of Jasper,
Mo., in the Ozarks, a settler has a
farm which probably is unlike any other
in the world.

This farm occupies the tableland on
the summit of a ridge and is inclosed
with a fence which no animal has ever
broken through. It does not rise above
the surface of the farm, but falls sheer
from the edge a distance of many feet.
The man who homesteaded the table-
land had a hard climb up the face of
a perpendicular cliff to reach the com-
paratively level summit.

At one point a ledge extends out a
few inches and along the face of the
cliff at an upward grade. By follow-
ing this ledge and making use of occa-
sional points of rocks and of shrubs
growing in the fissures the discoverer
pulled himself to the summit and found
a surface well covered with soil and a
luxuriant vegetation.

Gradually he improved the ledge un-
til he could carry up tools and seed.
By blasting and drilling he cleared a
narrow trail, up which he was able to
take first some pigs and then a cow.
Later on he took up a horse.

And that today is the condition of
this curiously protected farm. No vehi-
cle has turned a wheel within its lim-
its of palisades. The live stock has
multiplied and consumes the grain
raised. Some stones thrown across the
trail completely fence in the hogs and
cattle. When the farmer has stock to
sell he drives the animals down the
private trail and strikes the road to
Jasper.—Kansas City Star.

HIS CRYING BABY.

And the Cheerful Elderly Man Who
Was Generous With Advice.

A young man about twenty-five years
old was sitting in one of the third
class waiting rooms of a London rail-
way terminus with a baby on his
knee, and his helplessness in pacifying
the howling child attracted the atten-
tion of passersby. Presently an elder-
ly man walked up, with a smile of
pity, and queried:

"A woman gave you that baby to
hold while she went to see about her
luggage, didn't she?"

"Yes."

"And you expect her back, I sup-
pose?"

"I think she'll come back."

"Well, this makes me laugh. A wo-
man played the same trick on me once,
but no one ever will again. Young
man, you've been 'done.' You've been
taken for a country greenhorn and
been sold. Better give the baby over to
a policeman and make a move before
some reporter gets at you."

"Oh, she'll come back," replied the
young man as he looked anxiously
round.

"She will, eh? Joke grows richer and
richer. What makes you think she'll
come?"

"Because she's my wife, and this is
our first baby."

"Oh—hm, I see," muttered the old
man, whose hilarity suddenly ex-
tinguished, and when he also discovered
that he'd lost his train he kicked a dog
that had been left unguarded on the
platform.—London Answers.

A Bridge of Coffins.

When the British forces were march-
ing to Peking in 1860, after the capture
of the Taku forts, one of the rivers be-
came so swollen with the heavy rains
that it was rendered almost impass-
able. While in this quandary a bright
idea suddenly struck one of our offi-
cers. Being well aware that the Chi-
nese generally order their coffins years
in advance and keep them on the
premises and also that they are per-
fectly air tight, he consulted with his
brother officers, with the result that
orders were given to search all the
houses of the village and collect every
coffin. With the aid of a few empty
casks the soldiers constructed a pon-
toon bridge of coffins sufficiently
strong to bear the artillery, and the
river was thus passed in safety.—Lon-
don Standard.

An Odd Post Card.

The most curious post card ever pro-
duced, according to a leading philate-
list, was one which the Japanese gov-
ernment put out in 1873.

In describing he says it is "really a
sheet of paper folded so as to form
four pages of a narrow book. On the
front page is a border enclosing an im-
pressed stamp for the postage rate and
a space for the address. On the second
page are printed in native charac-
ters only minute directions for use. On
the third page are ruled a number of
vertical lines, between which the send-
er was to write his communication, and
the fourth page was a blank." They
remained in use until 1875.

"Eatin' a Mountain."

A good example of the caustic hu-
mor of a Scotch examiner floats this
way from we know not where. It
seems that Scotch parish schoolmasters
are in their appointment examined as
to their literary qualifications. One of
the fraternity, being called by his ex-
aminer to translate Horace's ode be-
ginning "Esse monumentum oere pe-
rennulus," began as follows: "Esse
monumentum" (I have eaten a moun-
tain). "Ah," said one of the examiners,
"ye needna proceed any further, for
after eatin' sic a dinner this parish
was a purr mouthfu' o' ye. Ye naunty
try some wider sphere."—Poet Lore.

Disappointed.

Sylvia—What's the matter? You look
as if you had lost your last friend.
Maude—I went to see a fortune teller
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The Way the Family Compromised on a Vexed Problem.

There had been a long standing difference of opinion in the Plunkett family concerning the dining table. Mrs. Plunkett maintained that its legs were too short and ought to be lengthened at least half an inch.

"It doesn't fit our chairs, Jared, and you know it," she contended. "When we sit down to this table we're too high above it. You could have pieces of wood glued on the ends of the legs. That would be easier than to saw off the ends of all the chair legs."

"I don't agree to your proposition at all, Cordelia," said Mr. Plunkett. "I think the table is just right. But I'm willing to compromise the matter. You have been wanting a hardwood floor in this dining room for a long time, haven't you?"

"Well, we can have that new kind of hardwood flooring that is laid on top of the old floor. That will raise the entire surface three-eighths of an inch or more, and that will raise the table, of course, just so much. How will that do?"

This seemed to be a fair proposition, and without a moment's hesitation Mrs. Plunkett accepted it as a satisfactory compromise.—Youth's Companion.

It Was In His Head.

Balzac once promised Lireux, the manager of the Odeon theater in Paris, a five act drama, "The Springs of Quinola." He was so busy with other work, however, that not till he had been long and urgently importuned did he promise to read his piece to the company the next week. The company

gathered about him on the day appointed, and he read his five act play fluently through to the end. Lireux was enthusiastic, ran up to shake hands with the great writer and turned over the pages of the manuscript, whose contents had pleased him mightily. But what was this? There were only four acts. The last pages of the manuscript were blank. In surprise the manager asked what it all meant. Balzac smiled and admitted that he had not yet written out the fifth act, but declared that he had it as clearly in his head as if it already stood on paper. "And," continued the poet merrily, "I have in the same head two more outcomes of the plot in case the one I just read doesn't please you."

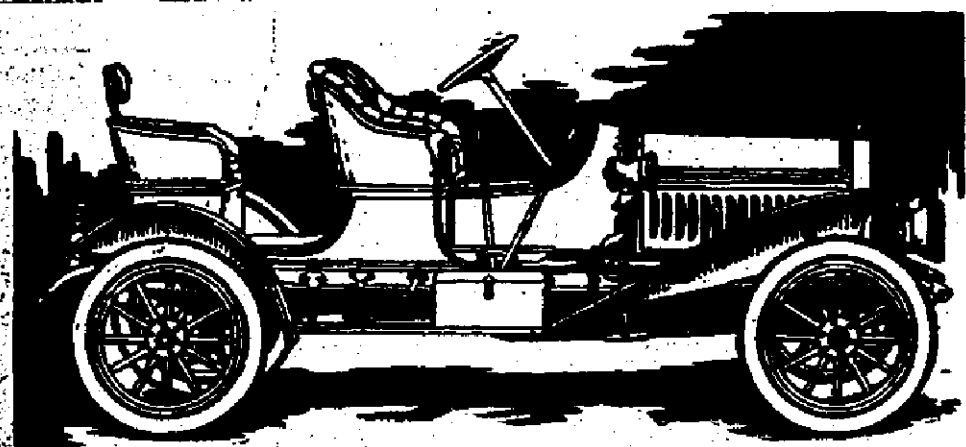
Lighting Up.

"Ever notice," asked a salesman for a grocery house that makes a business of supplying the big New York hotels, "that if you stroll uptown and look at any of the big hotels you will see them all pretty well lighted up? Plenty of rooms occupied apparently. Well, that's sometimes a bluff. The help has orders to light up a number of the front rooms every evening just so that the hotel won't look like a graveyard."—New York Sun.

Must Be Stylish.

"Why do you wear that ridiculous hat?" he growled. "Do you really think it ridiculous?" she replied gracefully. "How lovely of you! I was afraid it wasn't quite the style!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Philosophy when supernaturally studied excites doubt; when thoroughly explored, it dispels it.—Bacon.



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HERE AND THERE

Fire destroyed "Magic Land," a vaudeville theatre at Connellsville, owned by Samuel Hartman, and damaged the stores of B. Kerner, J. Levy and the Chicago Dairy Company, in North Pittsburgh street. Loss \$20,000.

Cornelius S. Murphy of Lonaconing has been sworn in for the nineteenth time as justice of the peace. He has served in that capacity without having a single decision being reversed by the court.

The spring festival and gymnastics exhibition, given by the Monongahela Turn Verein, at Turner hall Friday evening, was an event of more than usual interest.

The river has fallen sufficiently to allow some of the mines in this district to resume operations.

Mr. Peter Dewar, a former Monongahela resident, now station agent at California, has been granted a three months' leave of absence, owing to impaired health.

Extensive preparations are being made by members of the Washington Patriarchy, No. 139, one of the higher branches of the G. U. O. O. F., for the entertainment of the Second regiment, to be held in that town on Sunday, May 17.

Monongahela is having a series of revival meetings.

Thomas and Samuel Chek, of Zollarsville, were sentenced for carrying concealed weapons. The men, are from Zollarsville, and the court fined them each \$25 and costs, and thirty days to jail. Let the good work go on.

NO MURDER

PAPERS MAILED

Washington, D. C., May 10.—Approval of the action of President Roosevelt in denying the mails to an alleged anarchistic publication of Patterson, N. J., will find an expression in the postoffice appropriation bill, the Senate Committee on Post-office and Post Roads having prepared the following amendment:

"And the term 'immoral' within the interdiction of this section shall include matter of a character tending to incite arson, murder or assassination, and the Postmaster General is hereby authorized to exclude from the second class mailing privileges any anarchistic publication which contains matter that suggests, advocates, or approves the abolition, overthrow or destruction of any and all governments, or the commission of arson, murder or assassination."

Thursday, May 21.

Arrangements have been completed for the appearance here of the Carl Hagenbeck & Great Wallace Shows Combined, Thursday, May 31.

From every corner comes the information that this prominent circus is offered this year in an entirely new dress. In fact, everything in conjunction with the big show is new, bright and different, and the immense circus is much enlarged in all departments. Many marvelous circus features have been secured, including the Van Die-man's Troupe, Kotocho Imperial Troupe, Delmont Troupe, Borsini Company of five, Tasmanians, Sylvester Sisters, Kennard Trio and a world of other celebrities.

The Carl Hagenbeck and Great Wallace Shows contain a wondrous array of talent and real novelties this year. The Zoo has been augmented with many rare wonders also.

SKYSCRAPERS OF ROME.

Ancient Regulations Regarding the Height of Buildings.

"The skyscraper is no modern invention," says a St. Louis architect well read in the history of his profession. "In all the ancient cities where brick or stone was available high houses within the walls of the city were very numerous because of the lack of ground space for building."

"In the days of Augustus the tenement houses of Rome became so high as to be dangerous, and laws were passed condemning a number of tenement rows and ordering them to be taken down, while at the same time a law was enacted limiting the height of all future tenements to a hundred feet. For palaces and public buildings there was no limit."

"After the burning of the city in Nero's time the streets, which before were no wider than our alleys, were made broader. Some of them through the business part of the city were forty feet wide, and some of the great thoroughfares were sixty."

"The tenement height was lowered to eighty feet, and as a consequence the city spread far beyond its walls. The average height of a ceiling in a Roman tenement was a little over five feet. The windows were open holes in the wall, stopped in cold weather with board shutters. So the worst modern tenement is a palace compared with the skyscraper home of the poor who the empire was at its best."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

FIRST LECTURE IS HEARD BY LARGE NUMBER

A very large gathering, mostly Non-Catholics crowded St. Jerome's Catholic church last evening to hear the first of a series of talks on Religious Topics of interest to Non-Catholics. Father Quinn, in the name of the pastor, Rev. W. D. Fries, extended a warm welcome to all. He said that the object of the lectures was to bring Catholics and Non-Catholics together for a friendly and amicable consideration of the obligations existing between man and his Creator. Of late years there has been a growing desire among Non-Catholics to hear what the Catholic Church has to say on different questions, to know just what it really does preach and practise.

For half an hour, the reverend gentleman answered questions which had been placed in the question box at the door.

The evening's lecture was delivered by Rev. William Curtin. His subject was "Confession." He first gave a brief sketch of how a Catholic prepares for Confession, and then answered the different objections commonly brought against the practice. "Confession," said the speaker, "is the natural outlet for deep sorrow for sin. If that feeling is very strong, something equivalent to Catholic confession is found to take place." Rev. Curtin gave a number of interesting points, which only lack of space prevents the Mail from reproducing.

The lecture this evening is on "Devotion to the Saints and the Use of Images." Both Fathers Quinn and Curtin are able and convincing speakers. All questions placed in the Question Box bearing on religion, are publicly answered each evening before the lecture.

Miss Bessie W. Northrup of Pittsburgh a prize roller skater of the Expo Rink is visiting Miss Lenora V. Balsley of Meadow Avenue.

EDISON THE VICTOR.

He Humbled the Pride of the Fast Telegraph Operator.

Edison made his first record as a telegraph operator in Memphis. A contemporary says he came walking into the office one morning looking like a veritable hayseed. He wanted a job, and although his appearance was not prepossessing, the office was short handed, and he was assigned a desk at the St. Louis wire, the hardest in the office. "At the end of the line was an operator who was chain lightning and knew it," says Francis Arthur Jones "Life of Edison."

"Edison had hardly got seated before St. Louis called. The newcomer responded, and St. Louis started on a long report which he pumped in like a house afire. Edison threw his leg over the arm of his chair, leisurely transferred a wad of spruce gum from his pocket to his mouth, took up a pen, examined it critically and started in about fifty words behind. He didn't stay there long, though. St. Louis let out another link of speed, and still another, and the instrument on Edison's table hummed like an old style Singer sewing machine. Every man in the office left his desk and gathered around the jay to see what he was doing with that electric cyclone.

"Well, sir, he was right on the word and taking it down in the prettiest copperplate hand you ever saw, even crossing his 't's' and dotting his 'i's' and punctuating with as much care as a man editing telegraph for printers. St. Louis got tired by and by and began to slow down. Then Edison opened the key and said:

"Hello, there! When are you going to get a bustle on? This is no primer class."

"Well, sir," said the gentleman in conclusion, "that broke St. Louis all up. He had been rawhiding Memphis for a long time, and we were terribly sore, and to have a man in our office who could walk all over him made us feel like a man whose horse had won the Derby."

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The reason why the stomach and intestines do not digest themselves was once thought by Weiland, a German experimenter, to be that they defend themselves by anti-enzymes, or anti-ferments. Dr. Nandor Klug of Budapest now reports these anti-ferments not to be found, but that the mucin present in the inner half of the gastric mucous membrane resists the digestive action of the trypsin and the gastric juice. The digestive organs, therefore, protect themselves by the mucin they secrete.

New Conception of Scotch Dialect.

Some years ago the college entrance requirements in English called for the "careful study" of four or five English classics, one of which was Carlyle's Essay on Burns. The applicants for admission to a certain Pennsylvania college were asked to make an estimate of the literary value of Burns' poetry. One aspirant for freshman standing concluded his little essay with the following remarkable sentence: "Burns would of been a far greater poet if he had not of used so much slang."—Harper's.

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History of This Now Very Rare and Valuable Ware.

Sheffield plate differs from all other plated ware in that the plating was done on the sheet metal before the article was shaped. Before and since then plating of various sorts has been applied only to the finished piece, as in our electroplating process. Moreover, the plating was done on copper, while modern base metal is usually composed of an amalgam of copper, nickel and zinc.

Furthermore, it is possible for the collector to secure examples of early Georgian and so called Queen Anne work in Sheffield plate, while the rarity and high money value of silverware of that period make its acquisition extremely difficult. Sheffield plate historically and artistically is as worthy of a place beside old china and old mahogany as is old silverware.

In 1742 one Thomas Boulsover of Sheffield, England, described in the histories as an "ingenious mechanic," accidentally fused some silver and copper while repairing a knife. He began experimenting, seeking for a method of plating copper with silver for the manufacture of small articles. In 1743, together with Joseph Wilson, he set up a factory for the manufacture of buckles, snuffboxes and knife handles.

Joseph Hancock soon got hold of the secret and, perfecting it, demonstrated that it was possible to imitate the finest and most richly embossed silverware. Settling in Sheffield, he started the manufacture of all sorts of domestic pieces. Beginning modestly with horsepower, he later added water power for the rolling process. Other manufacturers followed his example, and Sheffield plate soon began to replace pewter on the tables of the English middle classes. Altogether we know of twenty-three important manufacturers of this ware.

The industry flourished until the middle of the nineteenth century, and so few pieces of copper rolled plate were made after that time that they need not concern the collector. Electroplating was discovered or invented by a medical student of Rotherham, near Sheffield, and the new process was patented on March 25, 1840. By 1850 the new ware was on the market everywhere, and the industry had been revolutionized.—Country Life in America.

BISMARCK'S ANGER.

The Incident That Made Certain the Franco-German War.

The Princess Bismarck, so the story goes, changed the political history of France unwittingly, and but for her the Franco-Prussian war might never have been waged.

Bismarck was unfriendly to France, but the Empress Eugenie hoped with her beauty to influence him so that the little trouble with France and Germany might be smoothed over. She therefore invited the German prince and his wife to visit the court of France, and the Prince and Princess Bismarck arrived in great state at the Tuileries.

That evening there was a grand reception, and Eugenie received the guests in a gown which made her so ravishingly lovely that even Prince Bismarck, German, stolid and in love with his wife, stood and gazed upon her with admiration. And Eugenie was not slow to observe the effect of her beauty upon him. She called him to her side, and Bismarck came, with his wife upon his arm.

Now, the Princess Bismarck was tall and gaunt, and her feet were generous. As she walked she showed a great deal of sole.

While Bismarck stood talking with Eugenie an audible titter was heard along the line of ladies. Bismarck, who was quick as a flash, followed the glance of their eyes and saw them rest upon the feet of his wife.

That settled the matter. The political history of France was altered from that moment.

A year later, when Paris was besieged, Bismarck himself fired a cannon over the ramparts, and those who were near him heard him shout:

"Take that for the feet of the Princess Bismarck!"

The slight was avenged.

The Mayflower.

Never did a ship sail with such momentous results as the little west country clipper schooner the Mayflower, but few people have bothered to ask what was her fate after she had landed the heroic band of Englishmen on Plymouth rock. As a matter of fact, she drifted into the cotton trade and sank after many years of service for the East India company at Masulipatam, on the coast of India—London Standard.

A Third Need.

"You need," said the expert to the sufferer, "two pairs of glasses, one for reading and one for long distance."

"Can't you make it three pairs?" asked the man who had made a study of his own case. "I'd like some short sighted ones to use on bill collectors."

—Nashville American.

Agreed With Him.

Father (calling from head of stairs at 11:30 p. m.)—Jennie, don't you think it's about time to go to bed? Jennie—Yes, papa dear. What on earth keeps you up so late?—Pathfinder.

Not Unusual.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "I ketches myse'f lambastin' a mule fiddo'n' purty much de same as I would do if I was in de mule's place!"—Washington Star.

Nature creates merit; fortune brings it into play.—Rochefoucauld.

PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. Charles is calling on friends in Pittsburgh today.

Dr. J. W. Manon is transacting business in Pittsburgh today.

Abe Levine is moving his family from Pittsburgh to Charleroi.

Rev. G. G. Kerr is transacting business in Pittsburgh today.

Mrs. Charles Hazlett has left for Connellsville to spend a few days.

George Arnold is at the county seat today looking up business interests.

P. T. Finnegan, of Cameron, W. Va., spent Monday with Charleroi friends.

Mrs. Joseph Matthews of Ninth street spent yesterday in Tarentum with her son.

Summer cars have been put in use by the Pittsburgh railways and the West Side companies.

Miss Ruth Wright has returned to her home in California after a few days visit with friends here.

W. C. Garty of Fredericktown was in Charleroi yesterday calling on friends and transacting business.

Misses Lillian Chalfant and Bessie Kissinger of Brownsville spent last evening with friends in Charleroi.

Frank C. MacHale, coach of W. and J. baseball club was in Charleroi last night and today visiting friends.

Harry Correll, of the undertaking firm of Correll and Crowley has left for Cambridge Springs to spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sowd and two children of Carrick, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. James Keehan of North Charleroi.

Chief of Police Albright and H. H. May were in Charleroi last evening to see the performance of The Great Vandergould at the Lyric theatre.

C. E. Velleitay left Monday for Dubois City where he will attend the session of the Grand Circle of the Protected Home Circle now in session in that city going as a representative from Charleroi Circle 303, P. H. C. There are over six hundred circles represented and the meeting is a very interesting one.

REV. CUSTER'S RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED

At a congregational meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian church held last night, the resignation of Rev. Morvin Custer was accepted. The principal reason given by the pastor's is his bad health, which compels him to leave this vicinity. He will likely go to Indian Territory to accept a charge.

Rev. Custer has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church for about four years and two months, it being a very successful term. He is widely known and much respected, as a worker for temperance being connected with the County Anti-Saloon league. Mr. Custer is also president of the Charleroi Board of Health, with which body he has gained considerable distinction.

As yet no one is in view as the successor of Rev. Custer.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF TELEPHONE COMPANY

The First Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Charleroi Telephone Co. will be held in room No. 144, Second Floor, Masonic Building, corner of McKean Avenue and Fifth street, May twelfth, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transacting of such other business as may be brought before said meeting.

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LISBETH'S LESSON.

By LESTER ROSE.

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Lisbeth straightened up, with a sigh, and wriggled her fingers, bent and almost distorted by constant work with the needle. The sharp eyed forewoman hurried toward her.

"So you have done it at last?" she asked. "I was beginning to think that you never would get it done."

"I hurried all I could," said Lisbeth patiently. "There is an awful lot of stitches in that dress, Miss Brady."

"All the more need for working quickly," snapped the forewoman. "Mrs. Cryder has telephoned three times since 4 o'clock."

As she spoke she was rapidly examining the work, but even her critical glance could discover no defect, and with a last deft touch she shook out the heavy folds and prepared it for packing, while Lisbeth hurried off to the little cupboard, by courtesy termed a dressing room, and exchanged her working clothes for the neat street dress.

She made what speed she could, for Tommy Ranson was coming to take her to a dance and she must have time to primp before she could make her one well worn party dress presentable. She had reached the door when Miss Brady's shrill voice arrested her steps. "You'll have to take this home," she declared. "I told Sally to wait for it, but here she's gone. I suppose she'll turn up in the morning and declare that she never heard me. That girl is the daughter of Ananias."

Miss Brady extracted the pencil that was stuck through her back hair and wrote an address on the box; then she searched her pocketbook for a dime. Something in Lisbeth's face caught her attention.

"I'm sorry if you're going out this evening," she said, more kindly, "but you know what Mrs. Cryder is, and if I sent it up by a messenger boy he'd stop to play craps or something. Were you going out?"

Lisbeth nodded. "A friend's going."



"AN ACCIDENT OF MARRIAGE," EXPLAINED MAKE.

to take me to a dance," she explained simply. "I guess I'll be in time, though," she added hopefully.

Miss Brady caught up a bow of ribbon from the work table and gave it to the girl.

"Pin that in your hair when you dress," she said kindly. "It'll look fine against your black hair. Perhaps your beau'll pep when he sees how fine you are."

"It won't do no good," contended Lisbeth. "He did pop. I don't want to marry a man who can't make a home for me. I'd have to keep on working if I marry Tommy."

"There's worse things than work," reminded Miss Brady as she helped Lisbeth through the door with the box.

The cars were crowded with homegoers as Lisbeth came out upon the street. Not even the gift of the bow had lightened the gloom upon her usually pretty face, and as she clung to a strap and sought to protect the precious box from injury she gave rein to her imagination.

Mrs. Cryder, for whom the dress was intended, was one of Miss Celeste's best customers. Lisbeth knew her well—a proud, pale lady, whose dresses were the envy of the entire shop. The girls searched the society columns of the papers for reports of parties at which she was a guest and took a half personal pride in the descriptions of her elaborate costumes.

It was Mrs. Cryder who had given Lisbeth her dislike for the life she led. The girl had once helped Miss Brady with a fitting, and Mrs. Cryder had beguiled the time in chat with a friend who accompanied her, ignoring the two women who were working on the gown.

Lisbeth had gone back to the workroom with new ideas in her foolish little head. Mrs. Cryder had bewailed the fate in store for a friend who had married a man with only \$50,000. Tommy with his \$3 a day had suddenly become an undesirable suitor.

Lisbeth gave rein to her fancy now as the car sped uptown. She wished that she might be like Mrs. Cryder. There would be no dress or delivery when she wanted to go to a ball, and

she could go to balls every night in the week if she so desired and to the opera and dinners.

The dinner in particular appealed to her. Her stomach was crying aloud the fact that two slices of bread and butter and a thin wedge of cake was scarcely a satisfying luncheon preparation for a delayed dinner. Hunger added to Lisbeth's gloom.

Her dissatisfaction with her lot increased as she entered the Cryder home and was escorted to the lady's apartments. The hurried maid received her and, with her help, unpacked the dress. It lay on the bed, a shimmer of pale green and silver, as Mrs. Cryder entered.

Her face was wan and white save where a red mark crossed one cheek. The grande dame was lost in the woman, and Marie had to help her mistress to a chair and bathe her face with cologne while Lisbeth finished the unpacking.

"Was there an accident?" whispered Lisbeth as Mrs. Cryder tottered into the dressing room and Marie came toward the dress again.

"An accident of marriage," explained Marie, with a shrug of her fragile shoulders that bespoke her beloved Paris. "It is evident that monsieur is drunk again. Ah, well, madame married for the money. With it she has to take monsieur, for, unfortunately, he cannot drink himself to death, though he tries hard, poor man."

"I suppose that she will not need the dress, after all," suggested Lisbeth as she smoothed out the shimmering folds.

"But yes," insisted Marie. "Well or ill, one must be seen at the ball or else one is not fashionable. Poor madame! Truly she works harder than you or I, who have no appearances to keep up. The dress is charming, mademoiselle. It will not be that you need wait."

With a nod she dismissed Lisbeth, who hurried down the stairway. The downtown cars were less crowded, and Lisbeth found a seat. With her hands tucked into her pockets, the right clutching the dainty bow Miss Brady had given her, Lisbeth again was lost in her thoughts.

But this time the thoughts were vastly different. She was thinking of the price Mrs. Cryder paid for the luxury with which she was surrounded. She had married for money, married a drunkard whom she could not love. If Tommy ever dared to treat her in such a fashion—Lisbeth blushed at the thought as she signaled the conductor for her crossing.

Tommy was waiting for her in the gay parlor when her toilet was completed.

"My, but you look swell," he cried appreciatively as his eyes rested upon the saucy bow against the coal black hair.

"Who gave you that hair ribbon?"

"Miss Brady," exclaimed Lisbeth, blushing again as she thought of Miss Brady's prophecy. "Do you like it?"

"Put it away," he commanded.

"Don't waste it now. I want you to wear that when we get married."

"Who said we're going to get married?" demanded Lisbeth aggressively, wishing that her cheeks would not rival the ribbon in tint.

"I did," admitted Tommy placidly. "We're going to get married week after next. I got my pay raised, and I can afford it."

"You've got a nerve," scoffed Lisbeth, but she let him clasp her in his arms, and as he pressed her cheeks with eager lips she remembered the scene in the Cryder home. She had had her lesson, and her intended rejection of Tommy Ranson's love was forgotten.

He Asked For Young Bread.

The sympathetic young woman was telling the story. "I went into a bakery to buy some supplies, and as I was waiting for the girl behind the counter to do them up the door opened, letting in a man, unshaved, unwaisted, unkempt, with a thin coat buttoned tightly around his neck.

"Got any stale bread?" he asked the clerk diffidently.

"No. We keep only fresh bread here," the lady replied laughingly.

"The man turned around with a weary droop to his shoulders and passed out into the night. All my Samaritan impulses welled up. I gave the haughty clerk a reproachful look and hurried after him. He had stopped in the middle of the next block and was looking around uncertainly.

"I ran up breathlessly and, holding out my last dime to him, panted out: "'Are you so hungry? Here, please take this.'"

The man stared and then slowly grinned as he replied: "Why—why, no, miss. I ain't hungry, but I've got some chickens I want to feed!"—New York Press.

He Kept His Job.

Railroads frequently receive conscience money. On one of the big roads of the middle west a conductor who had been in the employment of the company for years was in the habit of "knocking down" fares. The fare over his route was about \$3. Money was generally scarce among the students, and when they wished to go to the larger city they were in the habit of taking a silver dollar, placing it under a card of any kind and handing it to the aged conductor when he came to take up the tickets. He used to slip the dollar into the palm of his hand, pinch the card, and the students saved \$2 a trip, the conductor pocketing the extra dollar. In October, 1904, the officials of the road were astounded to get, together with his resignation, a full confession of his guilt in the form of a check for \$24,000, the sum he had stolen in twenty years. Every one thought the road would prosecute the old man, but it didn't. The officials were so flabbergasted that instead of discharging him they raised his salary. —St. Louis Republic.

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One Cent

ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF HORSE

Man Captured at Finleyville For Stealing Valuable Horse

HIDDEN FROM LIVERY

Belonged to I. B. Richardson at Bentleyville—Taken April 23

A young fellow who gave his name as W. R. Rider was arrested at Finleyville yesterday by Detective W. H. Riggle, for stealing a horse belonging to I. B. Richardson, of Bentleyville. Rider seemed to be about eighteen years of age, six feet tall and of slender build. He was identified by Mr. Richardson, who went to Finleyville with the detective, but for positive identification was taken to Pittsburgh to the man to whom the horse had been sold.

The theft occurred on the morning of April 23. Mr. Richardson has a livery in Bentleyville, and on the above date, Rider appeared and hired a horse, saying he wished to ride to Zollarsville. A good animal was provided him and he left. Not returning that night the liveryman instituted a search, but with little success. Having heard yesterday that a man answering the description of the thief was living in Finleyville, Mr. Richardson came to Charleroi and secured the services of Mr. Riggle to investigate.

Rider was found without much trouble and arrested. It was learned that he had sold the horse to a Mr. Prince, of South Side, Pittsburgh, for the sum of \$50. Later a sale was consummated by a partner of Prince whereby a man of Steubenville, Ohio, became the owner of the horse.

Mr. Richardson went to the latter place today to claim the animal and will likely return Wednesday or Thursday.

After the positive identification by Prince in Pittsburgh young Rider was taken to jail at Washington to await a trial. Evidence is strong against him.

VANDERGOULD PLAYING CALIFORNIA THIS WEEK

The Great Vandergould, the Charleroi handoff king is playing an engagement this week at the Lyric theatre, California, giving four performances yesterday at that place, one at a matinee and three at night. He is taking well, packed houses witnessing each performance.

A feature this week will be the escape from an immense milk can, which Vandergould recently received. The can holds some eighty gallons of water. The young man fills the large receptacle with water and then himself gets in after which the lid is closed and tightly padlocked. In two minutes he is out and neither lock or water seem to have been disturbed.

Relieve indigestion in five minutes—that's the record of Mi-o-na stomach tablets. 50 cents a box at Piper Brothers.

SCOTSDALE TAKEN OVER YESTERDAY

Charleroi Takes First Game of Series With Ease

WILLIAMS IS WILD

For five innings yesterday it looked like the boys that represent Charleroi were going to get their bumps from the lads across the county near Dunbar township. They grew nothing but cyphers until their turn in the sixth. They got even however in this round and tried to bust up the procession by chasing four big runs over. Scottdale blew up at the opening, the explosion taking place on the heaving mound. Three passes were given which killed all corners. Two singles sent three of the occupants over and a mighty heave of the horsehide was responsible for the fourth.

Osborne was working for Charleroi and pitched a steady and consistent game. Although touched up for a good many hits the efforts of the Scottdale boys were wasted as Arch kept the safe ones scattered. Score:

CHARLEROI	R	H	P	A	E
Ellott, I.	1	0	2	0	0
Willig, J.	0	1	0	4	0
Cosgrove, J.	1	1	1	3	0
Dailey, C.	1	1	1	1	0
Nally, M.	0	0	2	0	0
Jenkins, R.	0	1	2	0	0
Heintz, L.	1	14	9	0	0
Urban, S.	0	1	2	0	0
Osborne, P.	1	1	2	4	0
Totals	5	27	14	0	0

SCOTSDALE	R	H	P	A	E
White, J.	0	1	5	5	0
Ferguson, S.	1	2	4	1	0
Floto, M.	0	2	3	0	0
Schmidt, I.	1	12	1	0	0
Hartman, R.	0	0	0	0	0
Martin, L.	0	2	2	0	0
Smith, J.	0	0	2	0	0
Slevin, C.	0	0	3	1	0
Williams, P.	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	2	28	27	17	2

Scottdale.....0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0-2
Charleroi.....0 0 0 0 0 4 1 0 0-5

Two-base hits—White, Ferguson, Martin. Sacrifice hits—Schmidt, Urban. Double plays—Ferguson and Schmidt, Osborne and Heintz. First base on balls—Off Williams 4, off Osborne 1. Struck out—By Williams 1, by Osborne 2. First base on errors—Charleroi 1. Left on bases—Scottdale 6, Charleroi 4. Time—1:35. Umpire—Gibbs.

Back in first again. Houser is out of the game for three days as a result of his run in with Morrison. President Gromminger issued the orders.

Heintz took the initial corner with Jenkins in the outer-garden yesterday.

Willig took Houser's place at third. Errorless ball looks pretty good on paper, and much better on the field. Clarkshurg has released catcher Steele of Homestead.

Hitley for Uniontown had a bad day yesterday. Three errors were marked up against him.

Lower had something on Uniontown causing eleven of them to fan the gentle breeze.

Six hundred points between Connellsville and Charleroi. Everybody be ready to lend a helping hand Thursday when we play Scottdale on our own ball lot.

Woe to the ambitions of Charleroi if we play in the same form says the Connellsville Courier.—Now what do you think of that from Mud Island.

WILL HAVE GOOD TEAM FOR MEET

Charleroi High School Has A Number of Trackmen

MEET ON SATURDAY

Cook's Track at Belle Vernon Will be Scene of Contest

The aspirants for the high school track teams from Charleroi and Monessen were at Cook's track near Belle Vernon where the Valley field meet is to be held, yesterday afternoon for a thorough tryout, and to decide who will represent the schools. Roy Carson is captain of the local team.

The entrants from Charleroi will be as follows:

100 yard dash—Wagner, Carothers, C. Roberts.

Shot Put—Carson, Roberts, Wagner.

200 yard dash—Wagner, Carson, R. James.

High Jump—Primas, B. Roberts, Carothers.

Relay race, 1-2 mile, Carothers, Primas, Carson, Wagner.

Running Broad Jump—Primas, B. Roberts, McCann.

50 yard dash—B. Roberts, McDermott, McCann.

220 yard dash—Catheters, Carson, Primas.

Pole vault—Myers, B.—Roberts, Speers.

3-legged race—McClain and McDermott, (another team to be chosen.)

Girl's egg race—Misses Elliott, H. Patton, B. Rice, L. Patton.

As will be seen the Charleroi team will be as good if not better than the one of last year which took the championship. Much this year will depend on Capt. Carson, Wagner and the Robert's brothers.

There will be five judges from the following schools: W. and J., Westminster, W. U. P., California Normal and Yale. The contests will start at 2 o'clock sharp. Arrangements are being made to transport those who wish to attend from Charleroi and other places.

The local boys are in fine trim and are doing work to keep them in such. Cross country runs are being taken every morning.

Back For Visit

Rev. Percy L. Donaghy, formerly rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church here, now in charge of a large parish at Milltown, Del., is in Charleroi today calling on friends and acquaintances. He will attend a convention at Pittsburgh tomorrow of the Episcopal diocese.

Charleroi residents should use Hyomei at this season and cure troubles which are so prevalent. Sold by Piper Brothers under guarantee.

Notice to C. T. A. U. Members.

There will be no meeting tomorrow evening. Next meeting May 27. By order of the President.

FAMILY QUARREL RESULTS IN DEATH

Washington, Pa., May 11.—In a family quarrel in East Waynesburg this evening Tony Short, a lineman employed by the South Penn Telephone and Telegraph Company, was shot and instantly killed. His brother-in-law, William McClelland, who is charged with the shooting, gave himself up, the Sheriff taking him to jail.

Short, a few months ago, married Miss Anna McClelland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McClelland, and the young couple live with the McClelland family in East Waynesburg. McClelland refuses to make any statement except that the shooting was an accident.

SHOOTING AFFAIR AT MONESSEN

Ten Cent Bet In Crap Game Brings Up Argument

ONE MAN BECOMES ANGRY

And Draws Gun—Shoots Six Times, But One Taking Effect

Wringling over a ten cent bet in a "crap" game, in the heat of anger, John Childers colored, pulled a gun and shot John Mack, also colored, in the left breast last night at Monessen, seriously wounding the latter. The affair occurred at the home of Rosy Goff, a negro of Fourteenth street, at 10:30 o'clock. After committing the deed Childers fled and as yet has not been located by the police.

The two men in company with others were playing an interesting game, which had been continued from early in the evening. The excitement had risen to an intense pitch and each player were anxiously watching the dice as they rolled on the floor. An argument started between Childers and Mack as to the way in which a shot had resulted and in a moment the men were loudly declaiming their rights, as they thought. Suddenly Childers pulled his weapon and fired six shots, only one taking effect however, in the other man's body. The report was spread of the happening and an attempt made at once to locate the one who had did the shooting but to no result, he having disappeared as if the earth had swallowed him.

While Mack received a bad wound it will hardly prove fatal.

Card of Thanks.

To the Editor of the Mail.
Dear Sir:—Through the medium of your paper the Eagles of Charleroi desire to return thanks to Mr. R. L. Barnhart, proprietor of the Palace theatre, Mr. Arthur O'Kane and Mr. Fred Lindauer for the valuable service they rendered to our Aerie in connection with the Memorial Services of the Order.

Yours truly
J. W. Mathias,
E. R. Allen,
Patrick Acton,
Henry Wagner,
Frank Kline,
Committee.

Leg Fractured.
Anthony Pierce, a driver for the Charleroi Lumber company was injured Saturday on the hill by being run over by a wagon which contained 3000 pound of gravel. The mans' leg was badly injured, a fracture resulting.

Socialist Meeting.
Thos. Kennedy, state organizer for the Socialist Party will speak in Charleroi Wednesday night, May 13th, corner Fifth and Fallowfield avenue.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers are small, safe, sure and gentle little pills. Sold by Piper Bros. eod

GIRLS ARRESTED FOR LARCENY OF MONEY

Constable Noah Behanna, of Donora, made information before Squire Hamoury against Olive Bush and Emma Ferris, of South Donora, yesterday morning for keeping a bawdy house and larceny.

John Pasko and Nagy Nickosh visitors at the home claimed they had \$30 when they went there but could not find it after they came away. They stated that the call was made at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at which time the girls appeared in their night dresses and let them in. Oliver Scott, attorney, said the circumstances warranted the suspicion of a disorderly house and the girls were sent to Washington for incarceration to await trial in court.

SELLS BONDS FOR DONORA BRIDGE

County Commissioners Let Contract for Furnishing \$100,000

GOES TO NEW YORK MAN

The county commissioners yesterday sold to N. W. Harrison, of New York and Philadelphia, the \$100,000 bonds for the Donora-Webster bridge.

The premium for the issue is \$1,400. The bonds bear interest at 4 1/2 per cent. There were several competing bidders for the entire issue, while one bid was offered for \$339,000 of the issue. The bonds will be accepted and payment made just as soon as they can be prepared.

"The outlook for the sale of the proposed issue of \$100,000 road improvement bonds is very gloomy," said one of the commissioners yesterday afternoon.

Bids were asked for on this proposed issue also, but buyers present yesterday refused to submit figures unless some changes in the conditions be made. The charges the commissioners say, cannot consistently be made and keep within the bounds of the law. Reports of buyers of road bonds who were present yesterday were discouraging. The result is that proposed road improvements are held up indefinitely except such as are now under contract.

Points For Players.

Don't stand near the plate when at bat. You might get a bump in the pie repository.

Don't take the trouble to learn the team's signals. Fake up a few of your own and no one will get wise to them.

Don't hurry, no matter what the situation. Take your time or you may tire yourself before the game is over.

Don't stand for any advice from the manager. Let him understand that you know more about the game than 28 managers.

Don't rush when you fan the air three times and the catcher drops the ball. Mo use. He will pick it up and throw it to first, sure. Watch for this and you will find it comes true every time.

Don't slide into a base. You will soil your uniform and most likely rip a nasty hole in your trousers. Learn to skip down gracefully and steal the base in a lady like manner. Copy the girl's style. It's very pretty.

Don't forget to jump on the umpire right at the tap of the gong. Give it to him swiftly and then again. If you start something they might overlook your work and let you stay another week.

What Might Have Been.

Lord Rosebery in an address at Glasgow university some years ago gave utterance to the following interesting speculation:

"Had the elder Pitt when he became prime minister not left the house of commons he could doubtless have induced George III to listen to reason, introduced American representation into Parliament and preserved the thirteen colonies to England. The new blood of America would have burst the old vessels of the constitution and provided a self-adjusting system of representation. There would have been no war of separation, no war of 1812, and finally, when the Americans became a majority, the empire would perhaps have moved solemnly across the Atlantic and Britain become a historic shrine, the European outpost of the empire."

USE POST CARD TO THREATEN

Foreman of Grand Jury Receives Missive Yesterday

SAVES DIRE CALAMITIES

Will Befall Men For Indicting California Gamblers

Samuel Workman, foreman of the grand jury which is now sitting at Washington yesterday received a post card with a grim announcement of dire calamities to befall the jury for the action taken in a California case Saturday. It was purported to have been from the Black Hand society, although the defendants in the case are not foreigners. The card caused quite a scare among the jurymen.

The postal was mailed at Charleroi and had the signature of the skull and cross bones.

On Saturday a true bill was returned against three men charging them with keeping a gambling house. One of them was also charged with furnishing liquor to minors. The prosecutor in the case was Charles W. Price, also of California. The card received by Mr. Workman yesterday morning came addressed to the "foreman of the grand jury," in care of the district attorney.

The contents in substance were that the body had put itself in a hole, and that dire calamities awaited each member. It even went so far as to state that the whole bunch would be burned or blown up and that the defendants would not stop short of murder to prevent going to prison.

During the later part of last week while in attendance at court, Mr. Price, the prosecutor in this case, received two or three similar messages, threatening his home with fire. The promise was made good on Saturday night, when his home at California was discovered to be on fire, but ready action soon checked the flames before any considerable damage had been done.

CHARLEROI BOY ON DEBATING TEAM

The Washington and Jefferson college debating team which left today for Granville, Ohio, to debate with the Dennison College team, has for one of its representatives a Charleroi boy, Guy Moffitt.

The question for discussion is: "Resolved, That all corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be required to take out federal charters, upon such terms as congress shall by law prescribe: constitutionality conceded."

The Washington and Jefferson team which will uphold the negative side of the question is composed of Moffitt, D. K. Ferre, of Pittsburgh; and George S. Bancroft, of Washington. Moffitt is a senior at W. and J. and is studying for law.

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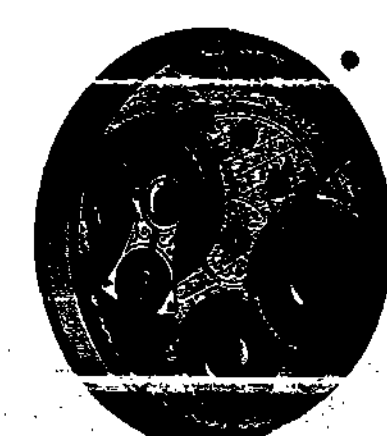
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May 12 In History.

1634—George Chapman,
poet, dramatist and
friend of Shake-
speare, died; born
1557.

1845—Professor August
William von Schie-
gel, German scholar
and critic, died; born 1797.

1884—Charles O'Connor, noted Ameri-
can lawyer, died; born 1804.

1903—Richard Henry Stoddard, noted
American poet and critic, died;
born 1825.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 7:03, rises 4:41; moon sets
3:40 A. M.; A. D. 1866, new star in
northern crown discovered by Dr.
Schmidt of Athens.

A Proper Rebuke.

John Sharp Williams, who hails
from a State whose inhabitants are
among the most unprogressive and
narrow-minded in the country, has
been repeating some of the libels
against Philadelphia invented by ge-
nerate Pennsylvanians. — Altoona
Tribune.

No State in the Union has suffered
from its degenerates and their malig-
nant and malicious stories concerning
its people, its institutions and its pub-
lic servants as much as Pennsylvania.

These things have wrought incalcu-
lable damage to the prestige of the State,
her interests and her honor. Self-
complacent pharisees in other States,
when speaking of Pennsylvania almost
invariably do so with a frown or a
jeer. The most lamentable feature of
this is, that when their sneers are re-
plied to they immediately point to the
utterances of self-styled paragons of
civic virtue and self-selected guardians
of Pennsylvania, residing within her
borders, as their authority and quote
John Wannamaker's atrocious calumny
with unction that "the people of
Pennsylvania are a sunk people."

It is almost useless to point out that
this and similar utterances spring from
hearts embittered by balked political
ambitions; that their authors in gen-
eral compose a band of political Hes-
ians, who have sought to assuage
their grief by calumniating a people
who have hitherto resolutely refused
to take them at their own valuation
and enthrone these malignants in the
places of honor and trust.

These apostles of cant have so be-
spattered the fair fame of the State,
that the aspirations of an eminent citi-
zen of Pennsylvania to an exalted
office are looked upon elsewhere with
askance and questioning smiles.

This flood-tide of defamation must,
in the course of events, ebb before long
and leave on the damp sands of obliv-
ion this foam and jetsam; this debris
that blackened the soil upon which
they were born.

Not Questioned.

It is a noticeable fact that these al-
leged Republican newspapers which so
vociferously alleged that the actions of
the Republican county committee upon
the local option plank were those of
a base set of hypocrites, do not say

anything about the position taken
by the Democrats upon the same ques-
tion.

This strengthens a widely-spread
belief that local option was not so
much the motive for slander as the
outing of the old elements from party
control. In a word, it was private
grief, not public weal that inspired
the assaults upon the actions of the
Republican county convention.

Barred Out.

Liberty is not license and freedom of
speech or of the press does not mean
that one can counsel murder or print
incitements to anarchy unchallenged.
The right of asylum does not mean
that a murderer shall be afforded a
refuge and protected from the conse-
quences of his crime.

For far too long has our government
shown a laxity in dealing with these
fundamental principles. It is not be-
sought for one moment that when a
subject of a brutal government has
risen in rebellion, has been beaten
and driven out of his country, he should
be given up On the contrary
he should be protected at all hazards.
But when a band of miscreants come
to this country and preach and write
indiscriminate murder their stay in
this country should not last an hour
and the time it takes to specify
eject them.

And any person finding their stay
under the stars and stripes irksome or
for which they would supplant with
another, not a single objection will be
raised when they leave the country
for the country's good."

All Attend.

Every friend of the children should
turn out to-night and give hearty sup-
port to the laudable scheme of giving
the school children of Charleroi an
outing at Eldora Park.

There is no public service which
inspires greater gratitude or one that
lingers longer in pleasant memories
than that which goes to make a child
happy even if but for one day. Look
back upon your own childhood and re-
call the pleasurable emotions you felt
when some such an event relieved your
dull days and brought sunshine into
perhaps cheerless surroundings, and
then resolve to transmit that pleasure
to others. And forget not that even
as ye did it to the least of these, so ye
did it to Me."

A Pointer.

It may be set down as a palpable
truth that the man or woman resorting
to a matrimonial agency for a husband
or wife is an undesirable at home, an
imposter or criminal.

Any decent man or woman can find
a life companion in their own neigh-
borhood and those resorting to an
agency generally come to deserved
grief.

A Sight For Snickers.

The position of the Canonsburg
Notes and Washington Observer is a
subject for snickers. Each quotes the
Delphic utterances of the other as the
wisdom of the ages and solemnly re-
iterates the sentiments expressed as the
dicta of the court of last resort.

Old comedy-dramedy hasn't a look-
in with that farce.

Why Negroes Like Watermelons.

The humorists always associate the
African with the watermelon, assum-
ing that the taste of the colored man
for his favorite dainty arises from his
life in the southern states, where the
melon vine grows like a weed. As a
fact, however, the African taste for the
watermelon is hereditary. The vine is
a native of Africa, where it is found
wild in the great central plains of the
continent, and has also been culti-
vated for many ages. In Egypt the
melons grown along the Nile rival
those of southeastern Missouri. The
melons mentioned by the Israelites as
being among the good things they had
in Egypt were undoubtedly watermel-
ons, for in the wall paintings about
the time of the exodus the melon vine
is represented, and in one case a long
procession of slaves is depicted, each
bearing on his shoulder a huge, dark
green watermelon. — Washington Her-
ald.

His Inference.

Crags—Did you tell Simpers you
thought I was a man without any bal-
ance? Butts—Well, I naturally inferred
that if you had a balance you would
draw on it for the amount you owe me.
—Philadelphia North American.

His Reasoning.

Nurse—Come indoors at once, Master
Richard, and be a good boy. You won't
go to heaven if you're so naughty.
Master Richard—I don't want to go to
heaven. I want to go with father! —
London Sketch.

Young Scattergood Golde.

Old Gobsa Golde looked thoughtfully
across the centerpiece of mauve or-
chids at his son.
"Well, Scattergood," he said, bend-
ing forward to light his cigar at one
of the shaded candles, "your course in
life will be far easier, I can see, than
mine was."

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Standing of the Clubs.

	W	L	Per
Charleroi.....	4	1	800
Uniontown.....	3	2	600
Fairmont.....	4	4	500
Clarksburg.....	4	4	500
Scottdale.....	2	3	400
Connellsville.....	1	4	200

Yesterday's Results.

Clarksburg.....	3	Uniontown.....	1
Charleroi.....	5	Scottdale.....	2
Fairmont.....	7	Connellsville.....	2

Games Today

Charleroi at Scottdale
Uniontown at Clarksburg
Connellsville at Fairmont

Among the Exchanges

School Superintendent Moore, of
Chester county, is taking the same
view that many other prominent ed-
ucators are taking in regard to our
high schools as now conducted. The
West Chester Village Record, refer-
ring to an address that he made be-
fore the convention directors after his
election on Tuesday, says that he
"hit the nail on the head when he
said that not enough attention was
given in our high schools to the plain
everyday studies. It is time to estab-
lish a halt and get down to plain com-
mon sense teaching. There is a disposi-
tion upon the part of parents and ed-
ucators to strive for a curriculum for
the high schools that will almost give
the pupil a collegiate course of study.
The high school courses are in need
of revision. It is folly to believe
that every study must be crammed
into the high school curriculum. Plainly
written on the face of the en-
rollment statistics is the warning
that unless misfit courses are dropped
the magnificent establishments adorn-
ing the high school systems of hun-
dreds of towns and cities may soon be
tenanted only by the relatively few
pupils who wish to prepare for col-
lege."

The failure to have many of our
most important laws properly enforced
is forcibly shown by the Wilkes-
Barre Record when it says: "Sev-
eral times the legislature of Pennsylv-
ania has added to the laws restrict-
ing the sale of cigarettes. They
prohibit the selling to boys under 16
years of age, and the giving of cig-
arettes or cigarette papers to boys.
They prohibit boys from smoking
them in public places. Yet little
effort is made to enforce the statutes.
The legislature of 1907 enacted a
measure, in response to a general de-
mand, providing that all owners of
dogs pay a license and have the ani-
mals tagged. Yet it is safe to say
that not one-twentieth of the owners
of dogs have made any effort to com-
ply with the law, simply because
there has been no policy of enforce-
ment. The liquor laws of the state
are clear in their prohibition of Sun-
day selling, to minors and selling
without license. Yet these statutes
are being monstrously violated. If
all of the state laws were strictly
enforced many of the notable ills
with which we suffer would be radi-
cated or greatly minimized."

READERS ARE OF MANY KINDS.

Differ in Taste as Widely as Do the
Books They Read.

Who has the habit of good reading
and the appetite for it will read what
suits his appetite if he can get it.
writes E. S. Martin in Harper's. The
trouble is that the appetite is not
often formed. If you are to make a
silk purse, you must have the silk.
You can not make a reader of good
books out of any human material that
comes along. You must catch a mind
proper for the job. Not all good minds
are adapted to much reading. You
find very able people who read few
books, and mostly trash, and people
of less ability who read more, and
much better ones. You find also inter-
esting differences in the facility with
which different people take in the
sense of printed words. Some people
from childhood read very much faster
and with less effort than others. Their
eyes seem to connect quicker with
their brains, and their perception of
words and rows of words is almost
instantaneous. Other people never en-
tirely get past the need of pro-
nouncing mentally, each word.

Table Talk.

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across the centerpiece of mauve or-
chids at his son.
"Well, Scattergood," he said, bend-
ing forward to light his cigar at one
of the shaded candles, "your course in
life will be far easier, I can see, than
mine was."

Young Scattergood Golde smiled
with good-humored condescension.
"How so, governor?" he patronizingly
inquired.
"I," said the old man, "began at the
bottom and worked up. You have be-
gun at the top and will slide down."

A CURIOUS FARM.

Requires No Fence, and Never Had a
Wheeled Vehicle.

Within sight of the town of Jasper,
Mo., in the Ozarks, a settler has a
farm which probably is unlike any other
in the world.
This farm occupies the tableland on
the summit of a ridge and is inclosed
with a fence which no animal has ever
broken through. It does not rise above
the surface of the farm, but falls sheer
from the edge a distance of many feet.
The man who homesteaded the table-
land had a hard climb up the face of
a perpendicular cliff to reach the com-
paratively level summit.

At one point a ledge extends out a
few inches and along the face of the
cliff at an upward grade. By follow-
ing this ledge and making use of occa-
sional points of rocks and of shrubs
growing in the fissures the discoverer
pulled himself to the summit and found
a surface well covered with soil and a
luxuriant vegetation.

Gradually he improved the ledge un-
til he could carry up tools and seed.
By blasting and drilling he cleared a
narrow trail, up which he was able to
take first some pigs and then a cow.
Later on he took up a horse.

And that today is the condition of
this curiously protected farm. No vehi-
cle has turned a wheel within its limits
of hundreds of acres. The fire stack has
multiplied and consumes the grain
raised. Some stones thrown across the
trail completely fence in the hogs and
cattle. When the farmer has stock to
sell he drives the animals down the
private trail and strikes the road to
Jasper.—Kansas City Star.

HIS CRYING BABY.

And the Cheerful Elderly Man Who
Was Generous With Advice.

A young man about twenty-five years
old was sitting in one of the third
class waiting rooms of a London rail-
way terminus with a baby on his
knee, and his helplessness in pacifying
the howling child attracted the atten-
tion of passersby. Presently an elder-
ly man walked up, with a smile of
pity, and queried:
"A woman gave you that baby to
hold while she went to see about her
luggage, didn't she?"
"Yes."
"And you expect her back, I sup-
pose?"
"I think she'll come back."
"Well, this makes me laugh. A wo-
man played the same trick on me once,
but no one ever will again. Young
man, you've been done. You've been
taken for a country greenhorn and
been sold. Better give the baby over to
a policeman and make a move before
some rejumper gets at you."

"Oh, she'll come back," replied the
young man as he looked anxiously
round.
"She will, eh? Joke grows richer and
richer. What makes you think she'll
come?"
"Because she's my wife, and this is
our first baby."
"Oh—I'm I see," muttered the old
man, whose hilarity suddenly evaporated,
and when he also discovered that
he'd lost his train he kicked a dog
that had been left unguarded on the
platform.—London Answers.

A Bridge of Coffins.

When the British forces were march-
ing to Peking in 1860, after the capture
of the Taku forts, one of the officers be-
came so swollen with the heavy rains
that it was rendered almost impossi-
ble. While in this quandary a bright
idea suddenly struck one of our offi-
cers. Being well aware that the Chi-
nese generally order their coffins years
in advance and keep them on the
premises and also that they are per-
fectly air tight, he consulted with his
brother officers, with the result that
orders were given to search all the
houses of the village and collect every
coffin. With the aid of a few empty
casks the soldiers constructed a pon-
toon bridge of coffins sufficiently
strong to bear the artillery, and the
river was thus passed in safety.—Lon-
don Standard.

An Odd Post Card.

The most curious post card ever pro-
duced, according to a leading philate-
list was one which the Japanese gov-
ernment put out in 1873.

In describing he says it is "really a
sheet of paper folded so as to form
four pages of a narrow book. On the
front page is a border inclosing an im-
pressed stamp for the postage rate and
a space for the address. On the second
page are printed in native charac-
ters only minute directions for use. On
the third page are ruled a number of
vertical lines, between which the send-
er was to write his communication, and
the fourth page was a blank." They
remained in use until 1875.

"Eatin' a Mountain."

A good example of the caustic hu-
mor of a Scotch examiner floats this
way from we know not where. It
seems that Scotch parish schoolmasters
are in their appointment examined as
to their literary qualifications. One of
the fraternity, being called by his ex-
aminer to translate Horace's ode be-
ginning "Exegi monumentum oere pe-
rennius," began as follows: "Exegi
monumentum" (I have eaten a moun-
tain). "Ah," said one of the examiners,
"ye needna proceed any further, for
after eatin' sic a dinner this parish
wad be a pulr mouthfu' t' ye. Ye maun
try some wider sphere."—"Poet Lore."

Disappointed.

Spiller—What's the matter?
Maude—I want to see a fortune teller
yesterday, and she told me I was going
to marry a tall, dark man. The only
real, rich fellow I know is dumpy and
has red hair.

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thing appreciate what it is to
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soon counts up, and when sav-
ings are placed in a bank at a
tidy interest the sum soon grows
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There had been a long standing difference of opinion in the Plunkett family concerning the dining room. Mrs. Plunkett maintained that its legs were too short and ought to be lengthened at least half an inch.

"It doesn't fit our chairs, Jared, and you know it," she contended. "When we sit down to this table we're too high above it. You could have pieces of wood glued on the ends of the legs. That would be easier than to saw off the ends of all the chair legs."

"I don't agree to your proposition at all, Cordeila," said Mr. Plunkett. "I think the table is just right. But I'm willing to compromise the matter. You have been wanting a hardwood floor in this dining room for a long time, haven't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, we can have that new kind of hardwood flooring that is laid on top of the old floor. That will raise the entire surface three-eighths of an inch or more, and that will raise the table, of course, just so much. How will that do?"

This seemed to be a fair proposition, and without a moment's hesitation Mrs. Plunkett accepted it as a satisfactory compromise.—Youth's Companion.

It Was In His Head.

Baltz once promised Lirieux, the manager of the Odéon theater in Paris, a five act drama, "The Springs of Quinola." He was so busy with other work, however, that not till he had been long and urgently importuned did he promise to read his piece to the company the next week. The company

gathered about him on the day appointed, and he read his five act play fluently through to the end. Lirieux was enthusiastic, ran up to shake hands with the great writer and turned over the pages of the manuscript, whose contents had pleased him mightily. But what was this? There were only four acts. The last pages of the manuscript were blank. In surprise the manager asked what it all meant. Baltz smiled and admitted that he had not yet written out the fifth act, but declared that he had it as clearly in his head as if it already stood on paper. "And," continued the poet merrily, "I have in the same head two more outcomes of the plot in case the one I just read doesn't please you."

Lighting Up.

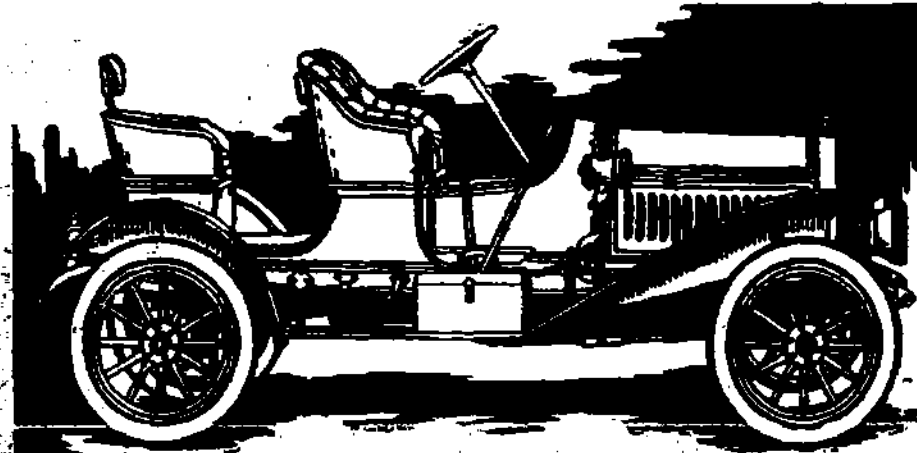
"Ever notice," asked a salesman for a grocery house that makes a business of supplying the big New York hotels, "that if you stroll uptown and look at any of the big hotels you will see them all pretty well lighted up? Plenty of rooms occupied apparently. Well, that's sometimes a bluff. The help has orders to light up a number of the front rooms every evening just so that the hotel won't look like a graveyard."—New York Sun.

Must Be Stylish.

"Why do you wear that ridiculous hat?" he growled.

"Do you really think it ridiculous?" she replied gracefully. "How lovely of you! I was afraid it wasn't quite the style!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Philosophy when superfluously studied excites doubt; when thoroughly explored, it dispels it.—Bacon.



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HERE AND THERE

Fire destroyed "Maggie Land," a vaudeville theatre at Connellsville, owned by Samuel Hattman, and damaged the stores of D. H. Hattman, J. L. Hattman, and the Chicago Dairy Company, in North Pittsburg street. Loss \$20,000.

Cornelius S. Murphy of Lonacoring has been sworn in for the nineteenth time as justice of the peace. He has served in that capacity without having a single decision being reversed by the court.

The spring festival and gymnastics exhibition, given by the Monongahela Turn Verein, at Turner hall Friday evening, was an event of more than usual interest.

The river has fallen sufficiently to allow some of the mines in this district to resume operations.

Mr. Peter Dewar, a former Monongahela resident, now station agent at California, has been granted a three months' leave of absence, owing to impaired health.

Extensive preparations are being made by members of the Washington Patriarchy, No. 139, one of the higher branches of the G. U. O. F., for the entertainment of the Second regiment, to be held in that town on Sunday, May 17.

Monongahela is having a series of revival meetings.

Thomas and Samuel Chek, of Zollarsville, were sentenced for carrying concealed weapons. The men, are from Zollarsville, and the court fined them each \$25 and costs, and thirty days to jail. Let the good work go on.

NO MURDER

PAPERS MAILED

Washington, D. C., May 10.—Approval of the action of President Roosevelt in denying the mails to an alleged anarchistic publication of Patterson, N. J., will find an expression in the postoffice appropriation bill, the Senate Committee on Postoffice and Post Roads having prepared the following amendment:

"The term 'immoral' within the purview of this section shall include matter of a character tending to incite to murder or assassination, and the Postmaster General is hereby authorized to exclude from the second class mailing privileges any anarchistic publication which contains matter that suggests, advocates, or approves the abolition, overthrow or destruction of any and all governments, or the commission of arson, murder or assassination."

Thursday, May 21.

Arrangements have been completed for the appearance here of the Carl Hagenbeck & Great Wallace Shows Combined, Thursday, May 21.

From every corner comes the information that this prominent circus is offered this year in an entirely new dress. In fact, every man in conjunction with the big show is new, bright and different, and the immense circus is much enlarged in its departments. Many a valiant circus features have been secured, including the Van Dieuman's Troupe, Kotocho Imperial Troupe, Delmont Troupe, Borsini Company of five Tasmanians, Sylvester Sisters, Kennard Trio and a world of other celebrities.

The Carl Hagenbeck and Great Wallace Shows contain a wondrous array of talent and real novelties this year. The Zoo has been augmented with many rare wonders also.

SKYSCRAPERS OF ROME.

Ancient Regulations Regarding the Height of Buildings.

"The skyscraper is no modern invention," says a St. Louis architect well read in the history of his profession. "In all the ancient cities where brick or stone was available high houses within the walls of the city were very numerous because of the lack of ground space for building."

"In the days of Augustus the tenement houses of Rome became so high as to be dangerous, and laws were passed condemning a number of tenement rows and ordering them to be taken down, while at the same time a law was enacted limiting the height of all future tenements to a hundred feet. For palaces and public buildings there was no limit."

"After the burning of the city in Nero's time the streets, which before were no wider than our alleys, were made broader. Some of them through the business part of the city were forty feet wide, and some of the great thoroughfares were sixty."

"The tenement height was lowered to eighty feet, and as a consequence the city spread far beyond its walls. The average height of a ceiling in a Roman tenement was a little over five feet. The windows were open holes in the wall, stopped in cold weather with board shutters. So the worst modern tenement is a palace compared with the skyscraper home of the poor. The empire was at its best."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

FIRST LECTURE IS HEARD BY LARGE NUMBER

A very large gathering, mostly Non-Catholics crowded St. Jerome's Catholic church last evening to hear the first of a series of talks on Religious Topics of interest to Non-Catholics. Father Quinn, in the name of the pastor, Rev. W. D. Fries, extended a warm welcome to all. He said that the object of the lectures was to bring Catholics and Non-Catholics together for a friendly and amicable consideration of the obligations existing between man and his Creator. Of late years there has been a growing desire among Non-Catholics to hear what the Catholic Church has to say on different questions, to know just what it really does preach and practise.

For half an hour, the reverend gentleman answered questions which had been placed in the question box at the door.

The evening's lecture was delivered by Rev. William Curtin. His subject was "Confession." He first gave a brief sketch of how a Catholic prepares for Confession, and then answered the different objections commonly brought against the practice. "Confession" said the speaker, "is the natural outlet for deep sorrow for sin. If that feeling is very strong, something equivalent to Catholic confession is found to take place." Rev. Curtin gave a number of interesting points, which only lack of space prevents the Mail from reproducing.

The lecture this evening is on "Devotion to the Saints and the Use of Images." Both Fathers Quinn and Curtin are able and convincing speakers. All questions placed in the Question Box bearing on religion, are publicly answered each evening before the lecture.

Miss Bessie W. Northrup of Pittsburgh a prize roller skater of the Expo Rink is visiting Miss Lenora V. Balsley of Meadow Avenue.

EDISON THE VICTOR.

He Humbled the Pride of the Fast Telegraph Operator.

Edison made his first record as a telegraph operator in Memphis. A contemporary says he came walking into the office one morning looking like a veritable boyhood. He wanted a job, and although his appearance was not prepossessing, the office was short-staffed, and he was assigned a desk at the St. Louis wire, the hardest in the office. "At the end of the line was an operator who was chain lightning and knew it," says Francis Arthur Jones "Life of Edison."

"Edison had hardly got seated before St. Louis called. The newcomer responded, and St. Louis started on a long report which he pumped in like a house afire. Edison threw his leg over the arm of his chair, leisurely transferred a wad of spruce gum from his pocket to his mouth, took up a pen, examined it critically and started in about fifty words behind. He didn't stay there long, though. St. Louis let out another link of speed, and still another, and the instrument on Edison's table hummed like an old style Singer sewing machine. Every man in the office left his desk and gathered around the jay to see what he was doing with that electric cyclone.

"Well, sir, he was right on the word and taking it down in the prettiest copperplate hand you ever saw, even crossing his 't's' and dotting his 't's' and punctuating with as much care as a man editing telegraph for printers. St. Louis got tired by and by and began to slow down. Then Edison opened the key and said:

"Hello, there! Who are you going to get a bustle on? This is no primer class."

"Well, sir," said the gentleman in conclusion, "that broke St. Louis all up. He had been rawhiding Memphis for a long time, and we were terribly sore, and to have a man in our office who could walk all over him made us feel like a man whose horse had won the Derby."

Stomach Self-Protecting.

The reason why the stomach and intestines do not digest themselves was once thought by Weiland, a German experimenter, to be that they defend themselves by anti-enzymes, or anti-ferments. Dr. Nandor Klug of Budapest now reports these anti-ferments not to be found, but that the mucin present in the inner half of the gastric mucous membrane resists the digestive action of the trypsin and the gastric juice. The digestive organs, therefore, protect themselves by the mucin they secrete.

New Conception of Scotch Dialect.

Some years ago the college entrance requirements in English called for the "careful study" of four or five English classics, one of which was Carlyle's Essay on Burns. The applicants for admission to a certain Pennsylvania college were asked to make an estimate of the literary value of Burns' poetry. One aspirant, a freshman standing, concluded his little essay with the following remarkable sentence: "Burns would of been a far greater poet if he had not of used so much slang."—Harper's.

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In 1742 one Thomas Bolsover of Sheffield, England, described in the histories as an "ingenious mechanic," accidentally fused some silver and copper while repairing a knife. He began experimenting, seeking for a method of plating copper with silver for the manufacture of small articles. In 1743, together with Joseph Wilson, he set up a business in Sheffield.

Joseph Hancock soon got hold of the secret and, perfecting it, demonstrated that it was possible to imitate the finest and most richly embossed silverware. Settling in Sheffield, he started the manufacture of all sorts of domestic pieces. Beginning modestly with horsepower, he later added water power for the rolling process. Other manufacturers followed his example, and Sheffield plate soon began to replace pewter on the tables of the English middle classes. Altogether we know of twenty-three important manufacturers of this ware.

The industry flourished until the middle of the nineteenth century, and so few pieces of copper rolled plate were made after that time that they need not concern the collector. Electroplating was discovered or invented by a medical student of Rotherham, near Sheffield, and the new process was patented on March 25, 1840. By 1850 the new ware was on the market everywhere, and the industry had been revolutionized.—Country Life in America.

BISMARCK'S ANGER.

The Incident That Made Certain the Franco-German War.

The Princess Bismarck, so the story goes, changed the political history of France unwittingly, and but for her the Franco-Prussian war might never have been waged.

Bismarck was unfriendly to France, but the Empress Eugenie hoped with her beauty to influence him so that the little trouble with France and Germany might be smoothed over. She therefore invited the German prince and his wife to visit the court of France, and the Prince and Princess Bismarck arrived in great state at the Tuilleries.

That evening there was a grand reception, and Eugenie received the guests in a gown which made her so ravishingly lovely that even Prince Bismarck, German, stolid and in love with his wife, stood and gazed upon her with admiration. And Eugenie was not slow to observe the effect of her beauty upon him. She called him to her side, and Bismarck came, with his wife upon his arm.

Now, the Princess Bismarck was tall and gaunt, and her feet were generous. As she walked she showed a great deal of sole.

While Bismarck stood talking with Eugenie an audible titter was heard along the line of ladies. Bismarck, who was quick as a flash, followed the glance of their eyes and saw them rest upon the feet of his wife.

That settled the matter. The political history of France was altered from that moment.

A year later, when Paris was besieged, Bismarck himself fired a cannon over the ramparts, and those who were near him heard him shout:

"Take that for the feet of the Princess Bismarck!"

The slight was avenged.

The Mayflower.

Never did a ship sail with such momentous results as the little west country clipper schooner the Mayflower, but few people have bothered to ask what was her fate after she had landed the heroic band of Englishmen on Plymouth rock. As a matter of fact, she drifted into the cotton trade and sank after many years of service for the East India company at Masulipatam, on the coast of India.—London Standard.

A Third Need.

"You need," said the expert to the sufferer, "two pairs of glasses, one for reading and one for long distance." "Can't you make it three pairs?" asked the man who had made a study of his own case. "I'd like some short sighted ones to use on bill collectors."—Nashville American.

Agreed With Him.

Father (calling from head of stairs at 11:30 p. m.)—Jennie, don't you think it's about time to go to bed? Jennie—Yes, papa dear. What on earth keeps you up so late?—Pathfinder.

Not Unusual.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "I catches-myself lambasting a mule for doin' purty much de same as I would do if I was in de mule's place!"—Washington Star.

Nature creates merit; fortune brings it into play.—Rochefoucauld.

PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. Charles is calling on friends in Pittsburgh today.

Dr. J. W. Manon is transacting business in Pittsburgh today.

Abe Levine is moving his family from Pittsburgh to Charleroi.

Rev. G. G. Kerr is transacting business in Pittsburgh today.

Mrs. Charles Hazlett has left for Connellsville to spend a few days.

George Arnold is at the county seat today looking up business interests.

P. T. Finnegan, of Cameron, W. Va., spent Monday with Charleroi friends.

Mrs. Joseph Matthews of Ninth street spent yesterday in Tarentum with her son.

Summer cars have been put in use by the Pittsburgh railways and the West Side companies.

Miss Ruth Wright has returned to her home in California after a few days visit with friends here.

W. C. Gantly of Fredericktown was in Charleroi yesterday calling on friends and transacting business.

Misses Lillian Chalfant and Bessie Kissinger of Brownsville spent last evening with friends in Charleroi.

Frank C. MacHale, coach of W. and J. baseball club was in Charleroi last night and today visiting friends.

Harry Correll, of the undertaking firm of Correll and Crowley has left for Cambridge Springs to spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sowd and two children of Carrick, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. James Keenan of North Charleroi.

Chief of Police Albright and H. H. May were in California last evening to see the performance of The Great Vandergould at the Lyric theatre.

C. E. Velleitay left Monday for Dubois City where he will attend the session of the Grand Circle of the Protected Home Circle now in session in that city going as a representative from Charleroi Circle 303, P. H. C. There are over six hundred circles represented and the meeting is a very interesting one.

REV. CUSTER'S RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED

At a congregational meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian church held last night, the resignation of Rev. Morvin Custer was accepted. The principal reason given by the pastor is his bad health, which compels him to leave this vicinity. He will likely go to Indian Territory to accept a charge.

Rev. Custer has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church for about four years and two months, it being a very successful term. He is widely known and much respected, as a worker for temperance being connected with the County Anti-Saloon league. Mr. Custer is also president of the Charleroi Board of Health, with which body he has gained considerable distinction.

As yet no one is in view as the successor of Rev. Custer.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF TELEPHONE COMPANY

The First Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Charleroi Telephone Co. will be held in room No. 144, Second Floor, Masonic Building, corner of McKean Avenue and Fifth street, May twelfth, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transacting of such other business as may be brought before said meeting.

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LISBETH'S LESSON.

By LESTER ROSE.

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Lisbeth straightened up, with a sigh, and wriggled her fingers, bent and almost distorted by constant work with the needle. The sharp eyed forewoman hurried toward her.

"So you have done it at last?" she asked. "I was beginning to think that you never would get it done."

"I hurried all I could," said Lisbeth patiently. "There is an awful lot of stitches in that dress, Miss Brady."

"All the more need for working quickly," snapped the forewoman. "Mrs. Cryder has telephoned three times since 4 o'clock."

As she spoke she was rapidly examining the work, but even her critical glance could discover no defect, and with a last deft touch she shook out the heavy folds and prepared it for packing, while Lisbeth hurried off to the little cupboard, by courtesy termed a dressing room, and exchanged her working clothes for the neat street dress.

She made what speed she could, for Tommy Ranson was coming to take her to a dance and she must have time to primp before she could make her one well worn party dress presentable. She had reached the door when Miss Brady's shrill voice arrested her steps.

"You'll have to take this home," she declared. "I told Sally to wait for it, but here she's gone. I suppose she'll turn up in the morning and declare that she never heard me. That girl is the daughter of Ananias."

Miss Brady extracted the pencil that was stuck through her back hair and wrote an address on the box; then she searched her pocketbook for a dime. Something in Lisbeth's face caught her attention.

"I'm sorry if you're going out this evening," she said, more kindly, "but you know what Mrs. Cryder is, and if I sent it up by a messenger boy he'd stop to play craps or something. Were you going out?"

Lisbeth nodded. "A friend's going."



"AN ACCIDENT OF MARRIAGE," EXPLAINED MARIE.

to take me to a dance," she explained simply. "I guess I'll be in time, though," she added hopefully.

Miss Brady caught up a bow of ribbon from the work table and gave it to the girl.

"Pin that in your hair when you dress," she said kindly. "It'll look fine against your black hair. Perhaps your beau'll pop when he sees how fine you are."

"It won't do no good," contended Lisbeth. "He did pop. I don't want to marry a man who can't make a home for me. I'd have to keep on working if I marry Tommy."

"There's worse things than work," reminded Miss Brady as she helped Lisbeth through the door with the box.

The cars were crowded with homegoers as Lisbeth came out upon the street. Not even the gift of the bow had lightened the gloom upon her usually pretty face, and as she clung to a strap and sought to protect the precious box from injury she gave rein to her imagination.

Mrs. Cryder, for whom the dress was intended, was one of Mrs. Celeste's best customers. Lisbeth knew her well—a proud, pale lady, whose dresses were the envy of the entire shop. The girls searched the society columns of the papers for reports of parties at which she was a guest and took a half personal pride in the descriptions of her elaborate costumes.

It was Mrs. Cryder who had given Lisbeth her dislike for the life she led. The girl had once helped Miss Brady with a fitting, and Mrs. Cryder had beguiled the time in chat with a friend who accompanied her, ignoring the two women who were working on the gown.

Lisbeth had gone back to the workroom with new ideas in her foolish little head. Mrs. Cryder had bewailed the fate in store for a friend who had married a man with only \$50,000. Tommy with his \$3 a day had suddenly become an undesirable suitor.

Lisbeth gave rein to her fancy now as the car sped uptown. She wished that she might be like Mrs. Cryder. There would be no dress to deliver when she wanted to go to a ball, and

she could go to balls every night in the week if she so desired and to the opera and dinners.

The dinner in particular appealed to her. Her stomach was crying aloud the fact that two slices of bread and butter and a thin wedge of cake was scarcely a satisfying luncheon preparation for a delayed dinner. Hunger added to Lisbeth's gloom.

Her dissatisfaction with her lot increased as she entered the Cryder home and was escorted to the lady's apartments. The hurried maid received her and, with her help, unpacked the dress. It lay on the bed, a shimmer of pale green and silver, as Mrs. Cryder entered.

Her face was wan and white save where a red mark crossed one cheek. The grande dame was lost in the woman, and Marie had to help her mistress to a chair and bathe her face with cologne while Lisbeth finished the unpacking.

"Was there an accident?" whispered Lisbeth as Mrs. Cryder tottered into the dressing room and Marie came toward the dress again.

"An accident of marriage," explained Marie, with a shrug of her fragile shoulders that bespoke her beloved Paris. "It is evident that monsieur is drunk again. Ah, well, Madame married for the money. With it she has to make mistakes, for unfortunately, he cannot drink himself to death, though he tries hard, poor man."

"I suppose that she will not need the dress, after all," suggested Lisbeth as she smoothed out the shimmering folds.

"But yes," insisted Marie. "Well or ill, one must be seen at the ball or else one is not fashionable. Poor madam! Truly she works harder than you or I, who have not appearances to keep up. The dress is charming, Madame. It will not be that you need wear."

With a nod she dismissed Lisbeth, who hurried down the stairway. The downtown cars were less crowded, and Lisbeth found a seat. With her hands tucked into her pockets, the right clutched the dainty bow Miss Brady had given her, Lisbeth again was lost in her thoughts.

But this time the thoughts were vastly different. She was thinking of the price Mrs. Cryder paid for the luxury with which she was surrounded. She had married for money, married a drunkard whom she could not love. If Tommy ever dared to treat her in such a fashion—Lisbeth blushed at the thought as she signaled the conductor for her crossing.

Tommy was waiting for her in the city parlor when her ticket was completed.

"My, but you look swell," he cried appreciatively as his eyes rested upon the saucy bow against the coal black hair.

"Who gave you that hair ribbon?"

"Miss Brady," exclaimed Lisbeth, blushing again as she thought of Miss Brady's prophecy. "Do you like it?"

"Put it away," he commanded. "Don't waste it now. I want you to wear that when we get married."

"Who said we're going to get married?" demanded Lisbeth aggressively, wishing that her cheeks would not rival the ribbon in that.

"I did," admitted Tommy placidly. "We're going to get married week after next. I got my pay raised, and I can afford it."

"You've got a nerve," scoffed Lisbeth, but she let him clasp her in his arms, and as he pressed her cheeks with eager lips she remembered the scene in the Cryder home. She had had her lesson, and her intended rejection of Tommy Ranson's love was forgotten.

He Asked For Stale Bread.

The sympathetic young woman was telling the story. "I went into a bakery to buy some supplies, and as I was waiting for the girl behind the counter to do them up the door opened, letting in a man, unshaved, unwashed, unkempt, with a thin coat buttoned tightly around his neck.

"Got any stale bread?" he asked the clerk diffidently.

"No. We keep only fresh bread here," the lady replied haughtily.

"The man turned around with a weary droop to his shoulders and passed out into the night. All my Samaritan impulses welled up. I gave the haughty clerk a reproachful look and hurried after him. He had stopped in the middle of the next block and was looking around uncertainly.

"I ran up breathlessly and, holding out my last dime to him, panted out: 'Are you so hungry? Here, please take this.'

The man stared and then slowly grinned as he replied:

"Why—why, no, miss. I ain't hungry, but I've got some chickens I want to feed!"—New York Press.

He Kept His Job.

Railroads frequently receive conscience money. On one of the big roads of the middle west a conductor who had been in the employment of the company for years was in the habit of "knocking down" fares. The fare over his route was about \$3. Money was generally scarce among the students, and when they wished to go to the larger city they were in the habit of taking a silver dollar, placing it under a card of any kind and bending it to the aged conductor when he came to take up the tickets. He used to slip the dollar into the palm of his hand, punch the card, and the students saved \$2 a trip, the conductor pocketing the extra dollar. In October, 1904, the officials of the road were astounded to get, together with his resignation, a full confession of his guilt in the form of a check for \$24,000, the sum he had stolen in twenty years. Every one thought the road would prosecute the old man, but it didn't. The officials were so flustered that instead of discharging him they raised his salary.

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